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Heath plea wins pardon

Britons freed by Saddam fly home today

By Richard Beeston and Christopher Walker

■ The release of the British hostages is part of a campaign to persuade the United Nations to lift the sanctions which are crippling Iraq

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday agreed to free three British prisoners from an Iraqi jail, after meeting Sir Edward Heath, the visiting former Prime Minister, in Baghdad.

According to British officials co-ordinating arrangements for the repatriation of the Britons, the men should be back in London by this evening after a complicated series of flights via Jordan.

"Edward Heath presented to President Saddam Hussein a plea asking him to pardon the three jailed Britons who were sentenced for illegally entering Iraq," INA, the official Iraqi news agency, reported last night. "The President pardoned them and ordered that they be set free."

The Britons — Paul Ride, 33, Michael Wainwright, 43, and Simon Dunn, 23 — had all been given lengthy prison sentences by Iraqi courts. They have been held in Abu Ghraib prison, a top-security facility just west of Baghdad.

The men are expected to be issued with exit permits this morning in Baghdad. They will be flown by Iraqi helicopter to the Jordan border at Trebil, transferred to a Jordanian helicopter and ferried to Amman. A British jet, carrying the men's relatives, was expected to arrive in the early hours today in Amman, and is due to return to London this afternoon.

"If everything goes according to plan, then the men should be back home on Friday night," said a British diplomat, who repeated that the Foreign Office was helping to co-ordinate the operation, but was not directly involved in Sir Edward's humanitarian mission.

It was not clear how long the former Tory leader met the reclusive dictator, or what exactly they discussed, other than the fate of the prisoners awaiting a presidential pardon. Iraq appears to be trying to soften its image in the West. In less than two months it has set free six foreigners.

Assuming the release goes according to plan, it will mark the second time that Sir Edward has succeeded in winning the release of Britons held in Iraq. Just over three years ago, during the Gulf crisis, he undertook a similar mission and brought out 33 civilians, at that stage being held as "human shields".

Far from being a pure humanitarian gesture, yesterday's order by Saddam was part of a calculated diplomatic campaign to persuade the United Nations to lift sanctions imposed after his invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

The move represented a climbdown for Iraq, which had previously insisted that any releases be accompanied by the unfreezing of hundreds of millions of dollars of assets frozen by the British Government. It was also sanctioned by Saddam despite his bitter resentment at criticism voiced by the Prince of Wales in October about his repression of the Marsh Arabs.

"This is a sign that, at long last, sanctions are beginning to work by forcing Saddam to do more and more to try to have them ended," said one diplomat. "His idea is to eliminate obstacles in the way of a reversal of the sanctions order which must be at least six months away at the earliest."

Under sanctions, the Iraqi dinar has lost more than 99 per cent of its value, wages have fallen far behind prices, and $100 is equivalent to more than a year's average salary. This week there were unconfirmed reports of a terrorist bomb explosion in Baghdad, after a number of claims of failed coups.

Some Western observers date the campaign to improve the regime's image in the West to an interview in October when the President's influential half-brother, Barzan al-Takriti, blamed the United States and its allies for Iraq's isolation but said Baghdad wanted to normalise relations with Washington.

Western diplomats in Kuwait have long been convinced that the Westerners seized along the border were being held as bargaining chips. In the case of the three Swedes freed recently, the price was a huge supply of medical goods and medical treatment in Stockholm for one of Saddam's relatives. In the case of the three Britons, the timing of the release was seen as guided by Iraq's attempt to brighten its tarnished image.

In October, the well-informed *Middle East Economic Survey* noted that, although technical improvements on outstanding disarmament questions were helping to improve ties between Baghdad and the United Nations, these would not alone be sufficient to ensure an end to sanctions.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

The Princess of Wales was on stage at the Royal National Theatre yesterday at the ABSA (Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts)/Arthur Andersen award ceremony, held in association with *The Times*. Wearing a dark purple suit with velvet collar, she giggled as award winners dismantled a huge metal chalice, each taking a piece as their prize. The Princess was escorted by the theatre's director, Richard Eyre, and ABSA's director-general, Colin Tweedy.

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Archdeacon raises wider unease over monarchy

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

THE Ven George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, yesterday repeated his attack on the Prince of Wales. He accused the heir to the throne of inflicting public humiliation on himself by his behaviour, and described the Princess of Wales as an "aristocratic virgin" who had been used by the royal family.

Mr Austin, speaking on BBC Radio 4's *The Moral Maze*, said he did not regret his remarks in *The Times* that Prince Charles was unsuitable to be king because of his alleged involvement with Camilla Parker Bowles.

He received a response that "suggests to me that I have touched a chord of considerable unease among a large number of people". He added: "I don't think the Prince's alleged affair is the only thing. I think there is a much more general unease about what is happening to the monarchy that many of us respect."

Conceding that past monarchs had dubious private lives, he said most people today had been brought up in an age when the monarch has been a well-respected family member with a concern for duty.

Mr Austin, who is from the traditionalist wing of the Church, said there was a difference between a long marriage breaking up after many years of fidelity, and another where "someone marries, still in love with someone else, and continues that affair, almost from the day of the honeymoon".

He said: "The first thing one has to do in an unhappy marriage is see if it can be restored. But there is no hope for it being restored if another relationship is going on at the same time."

He said there was a wider question of trust involved. "If they tried very hard to find an aristocratic virgin, which we are told they did and had some difficulty, and one understands this, they found one and then used her. I'm not defending Diana because I think she has been manipulative and difficult. Nevertheless, she was used and used for many years. What does that say about the family?"

He was uneasy about the Prince of Wales succeeding to the throne because "it matters less and less that people are unfaithful, that they break vows, that they show that they can't be trusted. It matters for society."

The latest twist to the debate came as a spokesman at Church House, the administrative headquarters of the Church of England, denied that senior bishops have discussed with the Queen and Buckingham Palace officials possible changes in the monarch's role as Supreme Governor. The spokesman said: "This is completely untrue. No such discus-

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Second TV licence 'for extra sets'

By Alexandra Frean

THE government should consider introducing a second television licence for people with two or more sets in order to raise more money for the BBC, the Commons heritage committee has recommended.

The possibility of creating a car radio licence, payable either as a one-off fee or as part of the annual road tax, should also be explored in order to help to keep down the cost of the existing licence fee which funds the corporation.

The cross-party heritage committee made the recommendations in a report on the future of the BBC, which will be considered by Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, when he draws up his own White Paper early next year. The committee said that the BBC should be funded by the licence fee until 2006, but said that it should be allowed to seek permission to carry advertisements.

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New drug sobers up instantly

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

A DRUG which can sober up drinkers in minutes could soon be available over-the-counter.

Tests on dogs at an American university have shown that the drug works, and now a California company, CompuMed Inc, has announced plans to market it as "SoberGain". A second version, Detoxahol, will be aimed at the emergency departments of hospitals.



Dr Howard Mark, medical director of CompuMed, estimates that the drug could halve the levels of alcohol in the blood from three stiff drinks in about 45 minutes. Those only slightly over the drink-drive limit would need to wait a shorter time before being able to drive. "But the good news is that the more alcohol you have, the more effective the

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Clarke attacks Delors plan to borrow billions

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

KENNETH Clarke yesterday attacked Jacques Delors for his "perverse" plans to borrow billions of pounds to finance transport and other public works projects, setting the stage for a fierce battle at today's European summit in Brussels.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer gave a warning that the Delors plan would mean higher interest rates across Europe. He criticised both the contents of the European Commission President's white paper on growth and jobs, which will be the centrepiece of the two-day gathering, and the manner in which he was trying to "rush it through". Britain's hostility to the Delors plan was also underlined in the Commons by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr Clarke and John Major were criticised by the Labour leadership last night for rejecting plans that would include investment in the much delayed Channel Tunnel rail link. John Smith, the Labour leader, also in Brussels at a meeting of European Socialist Party leaders, said the Prime Minister was turning his back on an opportunity to finance the link. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, accused Mr Major and Mr Clarke of deliberatly spoiling for a fight with Brussels.

Mr Major is expected to find himself outnumbered in his opposition to plans aimed at creating 15 million jobs in Europe by the end of the century through measures including a multi-billion pound investment programme. But he may be joined by Germany and The Netherlands in objecting to spending £15 billion a year on trans-national infrastructure projects for transport, communications and the environment.

Mr Clarke, also attending the summit, said he was in favour of improvement in Europe's infrastructure but there was no evidence that this needed extra borrowing by the commission to achieve it. "Here the commission is saying that it is going to borrow billions as a commission and dish it out across Europe on unspecified projects. If they do that it will have the effect of putting up average interest rates."

Delors: his job strategy will cost billions

M Delors was said by officials last night to be unrepentant. He is expected to offer a spirited defence when the summit opens this morning.

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Hurricane force winds claim 12 lives

By Michael Horsnell

HURRICANE force winds which swept across Britain yesterday claimed the lives of at least 12 people.

Among those killed as winds gusted up to 98 mph was a nurse who died when a shop sign fell on her. Mary Frances Donaghue, 32, was killed when the 12-metre metal and perspex sign flew off the front of a wholesale shop in Fonthill Road, Islington, north London, and hit her as she walked past while returning home from a visit to her boyfriend.

The winds, among the strongest recorded in December, severely disrupted road and rail travel and brought down trees and power lines.

As gales across the whole country abated last night, the nine-year-old daughter of a 45-year-old woman killed in a collision in Wiltshire was fighting for her life in intensive care. Police named the dead woman as Ann Burnside of Hampton Lodge, Hampton, Highworth. Her daughter Carly, a front-seat passenger in her BMW and a convent schoolgirl at Lechlade, was "critical" with head injuries in the Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon. She was apparently unaware of her mother's death.

Two people died when their car was crushed between a cement lorry and a van on the M4 near Newbury and two were killed in separate crashes in Wiltshire.

In West Yorkshire two lorry drivers died when their wagons were blown over on the M62 and in the Irish Republic one person died after a tree fell on a car.

The fifteen-man crew of a Maltese-registered freighter was winched to safety when the ship sank in heavy seas off the Devon coast. The gales claimed another victim when Arthur Tonks, 76, was hit by a flying gate and knocked through a greenhouse in his garden in Rowley Regis, West Midlands, and sustained severe chest injuries.

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Wind of change shakes walls and ruffles knickers

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

"You're just trying to get my knickers in a twist again," cried the Baroness Trumpington to the Earl Russell, in her Dick Emery "Ooh, you are awful, but I like you" voice. Is nothing sacred?

It seems not. On Wednesday Baroness Thatcher was forced to appear before a bench of inquisitors, an eagle pecked by ravens. On Thursday the House of Lords proposed to bring spies under the gaze of MPs. Nature is awry. No wonder the night had seen wild winds toppling walls.

Even the Lord Chancellor accepted that what peers were doing was breathtaking. "I myself felt, during the debate five years ago, that the time was not right for such a step," he said. "What has changed?"

Lord Mackay did not say. It struck us that the Prime Minister has changed. We peered down into the ranks of peers — ghosts discussing spooks — and wondered what had drawn them to this debate. How many were ex-spies themselves — spooks of spooks? I spotted one eye-patch and a number of people with wires leading into their ears. "Theirs," said Lord Mackay, "is not the high-profile, glamorous life ..." The Lord Chancellor's own black silk stockings and little black slippers with silver buttons, combined with a silk cloak and full-bottomed wig, were hardly designed for snooping unnoticed in bus queues. Perhaps the whole thing is double-bluff, and Mackay is, if not M himself, then the big Mac.

He was followed by R. Lord Richard, Labour Leader in the Lords, spoke of the banning of trades unions at GCHQ. But trade unionists were not traitors, he said: were defectors to Moscow your typical trade union members? True, Anthony Blunt would not have prospered in the Boilermakers' Union: R had a point.

After R came ... well, what shall we dub Roy Jenkins? "W", I think. "We welcome the thwust of this bill," the ex-Glasgow MP told their Lordships. To have a woman in charge of MI5, he continued, was reassuring, "even if not wholly *wationally* weassuwing". And he conceded that the intelligence services seemed to have settled down recently: "there's been an efflux of time," he explained, without mishap. An *efflux* of time? Is this term common on the streets of Glasgow? We imagined Lord and Lady Jenkins at breakfast. "I wonder why the toast hasn't popped up," worries the great man. "Hasn't there been rather an efflux of time, my dear, since you put it in the toaster?"

Later, Lord Jenkins spoke of a lacuna. A lacuna appears to be a vacant efflux. Lord Jenkins's speech took an efflux but was in no sense a lacuna. His lordship also spoke of a monoculture.

Lord Callaghan, following him, noted that he, Callaghan, had wanted a more accountable security service 14 years ago, whereas Jenkins had only wished for it seven years ago. Lest this be taken as a reproach, he added, he would like express pleasure at Jenkins's recently awarded OM.

We share Lord Callaghan's joy. But still we scratch our heads. Lord Jenkins was Home Secretary not once, but twice. Lord Callaghan was Prime Minister, and, earlier, Home Secretary as well, not to say Foreign Secretary. There have been, if we may put it like this, considerable efluxes (*efluces? efluxen? efluxim?*) of time during which these men were not without influence. But we search the history books for references to their own versions of yesterday's bill, and what do we find? A lacuna. A monoculture. No wonder Lady Trumpington has her knickers in a twist. After the efflux of an hour, I left.

Families of released Britons fly out to Jordan to greet loved ones

Relatives are preparing for 'reunion of the century'

BY BILL FROST

JUBILANT and immensely relieved, the families of the Britons freed by Iraq after the intervention of Sir Edward Heath were last night looking forward to what one said would be the reunion of the century.

The relatives left Hatfield airport in Hertfordshire aboard a jet chartered by Virgin Atlantic en route for the Jordanian capital, Amman. Earlier in the day, they had been contacted by the Foreign Office and informed that Sir Edward's mission to Baghdad had, barring any last minute hitches, been successful.

As the party boarded the jet last night, Paul Ride's wife Julie said: "I am feeling sheer joy that they are going to be released. But I won't really believe it until Paul is home and we are settled back to a normal life."

Mrs Ride clutched her young son William and said: "This will be the first time they have met. It will be their Christmas this year. They have not had one together."

She last spoke to her husband in September and in his most recent letters to told her he was fed up. She said: "He told me, 'I don't want to spend another Christmas in Baghdad'. But I had to be realistic and believe he would serve the full seven years. This is just such a bonus."

Michael Wainwright's mother expressed her joy and gratitude to Sir Edward Heath as she boarded the jet. "I only got a letter this morning from Michael and he was expecting to spend Christmas over there. There was no hint this was going to happen," said Iris Wainwright. "It has come out of the blue. My insides are in knots, I am very nervous and excited. We cannot thank Sir Edward enough."

Mr Wainwright's sister Linda said: "My stomach is churning. I have not been able to sleep or eat. I think I will burst into tears when I see him. I think it is wonderful what Sir Edward has done."

Mr Ride, 33, from Walthamstow, east London, and Mr Wainwright, 43, from Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, were jailed last year for seven and ten years respectively after straying onto Iraqi soil. Simon Dunn, 23, a British resident of Kuwait, was arrested in June and jailed for eight years.

Relations between Mr Ride and Mr Wainwright, who shared a cell in a high security jail outside Baghdad, were said to have deteriorated sharply in recent months. Their families agreed that the two had nothing in common.

Last night Mrs Ride rounded on the Government for its failure to secure an earlier release. "They did not do enough. They should have got out there and spoken to the Iraqis. Words do not cost anything," she said.

"John Major has been prepared to sit down and talk to the IRA. If he had been prepared to do the same with the Iraqis then this would never have happened. I am very bitter because our son has suffered in all of this."

Heather Horne, another of Mr Wainwright's sisters, praised the efforts of Sir Edward. "We have the greatest appreciation for what he has done. To go out there and negotiate on the family's behalf was a great gesture. We were 99 per cent sure he would do it, but you always have a nagging doubt at the back of your mind."

Mrs Horne remained behind in Sowerby Bridge while the rest of her family travelled to meet her brother on his release. She said: "I would have loved to have flown over as well, but my son Benjamin is performing in the school play so I volunteered to sit at home and watch it on TV.

"I am disappointed but I couldn't go. It's frustrating, but it's just one of those things. The main thing is he has been released. I just can't believe it."

She said that the first thing she would do when they met would be to give her brother a big hug. "We'll have a good drink and a celebration and I'll give him my Christmas card instead of having to send it to Iraq," she said.

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Julie Ride and her son William prepare to meet the father he has never seen



Michael Wainwright, Simon Dunn and Paul Ride

Drug has sobering message for drivers

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drug is," Dr Mark said. SoberGain works by turning the intestine into a second liver, multiplying the rate at which alcohol is broken down. Taken orally, the drug contains liver enzymes which break down alcohol in the intestine. In effect, the drug multiplies the body's ability to metabolise alcohol.

Investors have been snapping up CompuMed stock on the New York Stock Market since the announcement was made. A company founded by Dr Mark and colleagues, MGB Nutraceuticals, acquired the rights and has licensed CompuMed to market the drug.

Alan Gelbart, a co-founder of MGB Nutraceuticals, expects SoberGain to be sold in a pack with a kit for testing alcohol levels in the urine. "It should only cost a few dollars, and people may want to keep one in the car."

The trials needed to gain approval from the Food and Drug Administration are likely to take about five years. Preclinical trials are expected to begin next year in human volunteers. In Britain the Committee on Safety of Medicines would need to be satisfied by the data before the drug could get a licence.

Many miracle sober-up cures have been marketed in the past, but none has ever been shown to work. A spokesman for the British Medical Association said he would be "amazed if it did what it says."

Reynolds and Major ready for more talks

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN BRUSSELS

JOHN Major and Albert Reynolds were last night preparing for another key meeting in their attempt to secure a peace agreement for Northern Ireland.

The two leaders arrived in Brussels for the European Council summit, with British officials reporting progress in the talks between senior officials this week aimed at ironing out the differences raised at last week's summit in Dublin.

They are to meet either today or tomorrow. Insiders on both sides predict that the two will achieve their aim of agreeing a joint declaration by Christmas, although Mr Major's aides doubted last night whether they would be able to complete the task in Brussels.

It appeared likely last night that a final meeting will be held in London next week to try to put the final touches to an agreement that both sides hope will end IRA violence. Doubts remain, however, on whether the right wording can be found.

French elan leaves British tunnel vision standing

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail yesterday unveiled Eurostar, the new Concord of the rail network, which will next year whisk passengers between London and Paris at speeds of up to 186 mph.

But BR admitted that the new quarter-mile-long super train will not be ready to carry passengers through the Channel tunnel when it opens in May. The trains are due to begin a limited service in late June when travellers will be able to speed through the £10 billion tunnel from London to Paris and Brussels in just over three hours.

The Eurostar will crack through France and Brussels at 186mph but will achieve a maximum of only 100mph through the Kent countryside.

While most of the 800 passengers will travel in luxury, the 18-coach train is also equipped with four cells in which illegal immigrants or prisoners can be incarcerated.

Next week, the sleek, £24 million engine will run from London to Folkestone in its first proper encounter with the ageing Network South-East track on which it is destined to run until a new line is opened in about ten years' time.

In limited trials, the train has proved to be too sophisticated for the track and expensive modifications are being made to ensure it receives a continuous electrical power supply.

Although Eurostar will pose a serious threat to the ferry companies, it will be many months before there are enough trains to deliver the promised service of up to four trains an hour through the tunnel.

Alleged delays in building the trains and fears that the Network SouthEast track is incapable of handling the projected traffic are the subject of an arbitration dispute between Eurotunnel, the company which will from today operate the tunnel, and BR and SNCF, its French counterpart.

Today's handover of the tunnel from TML, the consortium of contractors, to Eurotunnel, will involve two very different ceremonies. At the Folkestone end, the momentous event will be celebrated with little more than a few speeches, coffee and sandwiches. Wine will be available, but only of the non-alcoholic variety. In contrast, at Coquelles near Calais, the French will hold a spectacular celebration with fireworks, bands and champagne.

Yesterday, when they showed off the Eurostar train, European Passenger Services, the BR subsidiary that will run the service, identified the airlines as its main competitors.

In the standard-class carriages, the grey and gold velour seats are packed tightly but they are comfortable and there is ample leg room. First-class has teak-effect tables, armchair-sized seats, foot rests and subtle lighting. The stainless steel kitchen will provide refreshments from sandwiches to gourmet meals and a room is provided for mothers with babies. Pricing will be a crucial aspect of the war which Eurostar has effectively started.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Call for cuts to MI5

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the former Home Secretary, last night called for a cut in the powers of MI5, scrapping its political surveillance role. He made the demand as the Lords opened its second-reading debate on measures to place the security services on a statutory basis.

Lord Jenkins questioned whether Britain still needed home and overseas intelligence services at their present size and cost. However, the operations and cost of the services were defended by Baroness Park, the former MI6 spy, who said intelligence about foreign powers was more important than ever at a time of cuts in the defence budget.

A-test troops 'safe'

Troops who took part in atomic bomb tests in the 1950s and 1960s are not at greater risk of developing cancer, according to a ten-year study. A report published yesterday by the National Radiological Protection Board and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund dashes the hopes of compensation for the veterans of the tests in Australia and the Pacific.

Child protection query

John Bowis, Health Under Secretary, yesterday called on social services chiefs to answer "serious questions" after Leanne White, 3, was beaten to death by her mother's lover. He said he needed to be convinced that Nottinghamshire County Council was doing all it could to protect children. Colin Sleat, 29, was jailed for life for the murder.

New head for Academy



The architect Sir Philip Dowson, left, was elected 23rd president of the Royal Academy of Arts yesterday. He succeeds Sir Roger de Grey and inherits a tradition that goes back to Sir Joshua Reynolds. The position remains one of the most prestigious in the art world. Work by Sir Philip, 69, founder and partner of Arup Associates, includes St Catherine's College, Oxford, and Broadgate in London.

CHURCH AND CROWN

Radical critic with radio audience

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

DR DAVID Starkey, the historian who yesterday said that if the Church of England did not want the Prince of Wales to become its Supreme Governor, it should now be disestablished, has long been unafraid to put forward radical views.

Dr Starkey has achieved a national following through his contributions to Radio 4's *The Moral Maze*, on which he made the remarks. As well as supporting disestablishment, he says the 1960s sexual revolution is "here to stay" and that the so-called "moral majority" is scarcely a majority.

A graduate of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and now a lecturer at the London School of Economics, Dr Starkey, 48, a constitutional expert, achieved recognition with his doctoral dissertation on the court of Henry VIII. He has successfully attacked the orthodox view of Tudor history. He explored the relationship between religion, faction and politics, and the different views taken by Henry's queens and their supporters in the court.

Commenting last night on the social function of the church today, he said: "I do not like the use of the church to manipulate opinion to produce social conformity."

He has said that no constitutional implications attach to the separation or a divorce of the royal couple; the rules require merely that the monarch should not marry a Roman Catholic. He has also noted that there is more than one example of a divorced or separated king succeeding to the throne. Henry VIII was never formally divorced although his marriage to Anne Boleyn led to the foundation of the Church of England. George I was divorced and kept his wife imprisoned in a castle.

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Prince's role within Church 'gives unease'

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sions have taken place." *The Times* said yesterday that a growing body in the Church believes the monarch's role as Supreme Governor should be changed on the succession of the Prince of Wales.

A senior source insisted last night that the report was accurate, and that a range of options concerning links between the State and Church have been discussed informally at all levels, including at Buckingham Palace, although there had been no formal meetings.

He said some senior figures believed that Prince Charles was an unpopular figure within the Church, and wanted a re-examination of his future role as Supreme Governor, while supporting the continued establishment of the Church.

The wording of the Coronation oath is understood to be under scrutiny, and the issue of disestablishment will be raised by the Right Rev Colin Buchanan, an assistant in the Rochester diocese, at the General Synod next July.

Dr David Starkey, a constitutional expert at the London School of Economics, said on *The Moral Maze*: "I do not see any reason why private virtue is a necessary or sufficient condition for public life. If we look at our kings, before the 19th century I have been able to find only four of them who were not adulterers. Three of them were dethroned or executed and one of them, George III, went mad."

Dr Starkey said that if the Church of England did not want the Prince of Wales to be its Supreme Governor in future, it should be disestablished now.

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Police investigate waterski champion's death in nightclub

BY IAN MURRAY

A POLICE investigation was ordered yesterday into the death of Corrina Williams, 18, the former British junior waterskiing champion, after she collapsed in a nightclub.

Miss Williams, who until last year held the European junior title and was regarded as a future world champion, collapsed during a party at a Midlands nightclub in the early hours of Sunday. She died on Wednesday morning after failing to regain consciousness.

Last night John Wain, the North Staffordshire coroner, ordered a police investigation into her death even before the results of a post-mortem examination were known. She had been rushed to the North Staffordshire Hospital in Stoke-on Trent. One of five children, she was introduced to water skiing at the age of six by her father, Dave, who was a former UK veteran champion. He and his wife had kept a vigil at her bedside until she died.

"We just cannot start to believe or understand why she was taken from us," he said last night. "It is tragic that such a young life has ended. She had taken a year out last year to work and train in Florida but had just returned and was studying at Nottingham College to take A-levels in English, maths and law. It is such a waste."

Her coach and mentor, Gary Shipman, the British junior team manager, said last night: "I still can't quite believe it. She was so bubbly, always friendly with everybody and had a terrific potential. She was only 18 and was in contention for the world title in five or six years' time."

He said that she was dedicated to the sport and would train for three hours a day, even in winter. At the same time she was strong academically and achieved six A-grade and three B-grade GCSEs.

By the time she was eight she was already winning competitions, showing a particular ability for the difficult trick category, in which British skiers are normally weak.

Under-15 champion in 1988 and 1989, she had the distinction of being the only person ever to compete in the junior, under-21 and senior teams in the same year. Her precocious skills made her close friends with Dr Philipa Roberts, the long-standing British champion, and the two trained together.

The move from her family home in Wolverhampton to Nottingham was in part so that she could be closer to her club at Holme Pierrepoint for training. This move took her away from her family and meant that she found a new set of friends.

By her own high standards she had a poor year in competitions during the past season, having suffered a whiplash injury at the start of the year and a serious knee injury early in the season which made it difficult for her to train. That meant she gained weight and performed badly in the European championships in Austria in August.

A month later, however, she was back on top form at the world championships in Singapore where she finished twelfth and was the highest placed junior competitor.

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Corrina Williams was seen as a future world champion

MARC HILL



The chemical tanker *Grape One* sinks off the Devon coast in a force-nine gale

Emergency services stretched by fiercest December winds

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

GALE-force winds yesterday pushed Royal Navy and RAF rescue helicopters to full stretch around the country. In the most serious incident, 15 crew were winched to safety from a Maltese-registered freighter that later sank in the English Channel.

Sea King helicopters from the Royal Navy air stations at Culdrose, Cornwall, and Portland, Dorset, rushed to the aid of the *Grape One*, which got into trouble between Start Point and Plymouth in Devon, in a force-nine gale.

An RAF Sea King from Brawdy, Dyfed, was scrambled to rescue the winchman from an Irish Air Corps helicopter that was in difficulty during a rescue mission off the west coast of Ireland.

The Irish S-61 Sikorsky helicopter had started to winch up the crew of the trawler *Dun Boy* about 60 miles west of Ireland when the cable snapped and became caught in the rotor blades. The winchman was thrown into the sea and the helicopter put out a Mayday call.

West Wales had the highest wind speeds, the London Weather Centre said. At Pembrey, Dyfed, gusts of 98mph were recorded. In London winds of up to 76mph brought down Christmas lights in Oxford Street and Regent Street.

The winds were among the fastest recorded in December but much slower than in storms of recent years. As the winds eased, emergency services worked to restore power to more than 100,000 homes.

Mainline InterCity services between Manchester and London were brought to a standstill by fallen overhead power lines between Crewe and Rugby.

The winds felled a number of large trees at the Westonbirt arboretum in Gloucestershire, including an oak thought to be about 300 years old.

The AA reported 26,000 calls from motorists in 24 hours, more than double the normal number.

A body found in a culvert yesterday was named as that of Eifiona Jones, 64, of Criccieth, Gwynedd. Police were investigating whether she was blown from the path as she walked home from a local hall.

Police named a father and step-daughter, both landscape gardeners, who were killed when their scooter collided with a lorry in the New Forest, as Royce Mondz, 67, and Angela Mondz, 49.

another victim of the gales was Stephen Duffy, 40, a demolition worker who was working in Urmston, Manchester, when a steel-framed shed collapsed on him.

Man jailed for shooting over car repairs

A MAN who shot a garage owner in a row over repairs on his car was yesterday jailed for four years at the Old Bailey.

Linton Mitchell, 45, shot Paul Robinson twice range after an argument about repairs to a Renault 25, their cost and the delay in carrying them out.

Mr Robinson, 44, lost part of his left hand in the shooting in April, and part of his gall bladder and his liver had to be removed. He told the court he had accepted £350 from Mitchell in January to fix the gearbox on the car. But there was a lengthy delay because parts had to be ordered and there were several arguments with Mitchell at the garage in Brixton, south London.

Mitchell, of Tulse Hill, was cleared of attempted murder but found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm.

Mr Robinson said Mitchell had called at the garage on the day in question and there was an acrimonious exchange. He had then gone to see a client. When he returned, Mitchell had come back in another car. Mr Robinson said Mitchell took something out of the boot and put it under his jacket.

Mr Robinson was frightened and armed himself with a machete which he found in a customer's car boot. "He walked towards me . . . He brought the gun up and I put my hands up and he shot me in the hand. I took two steps forward and he shot me in the stomach."

Salvation Army to seize £2m assets

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND ANGELA MACKAY

THE Salvation Army won a High Court order yesterday to seize £2.2 million in assets from a Birmingham businessman at the centre of an alleged plot to defraud the charity of £6.7 million. It was granted summary judgment during a hearing in chambers at the High Court in London against Stuart Christopher Ford, 41.

Mr Ford was named in a writ issued by the Salvation Army trustee company earlier this year against 15 defendants, including Mr Ford, claiming damages for conspiracy to defraud the charity of the unrecovered £5.9 million.

The funds were discovered to be missing earlier this year prompting an investigation into what appeared to be a scheme involving standby letters of credit offering a high rate of return. One senior Salvation Army official has been dismissed and three others transferred.

More than £1.3 million was invested as part payment for a Malibu beach house. The house is one of many properties and bank accounts in Holland and the United States identified as being connected with the missing cash.

Judge Pain refused Mr Ford leave to appeal against the judgment.

The scandal has also prompted an investigation by the Metropolitan police Fraud Squad and one by the Charities Commission. Two men have been arrested, including Mr Ford. Nobody has been charged. Both men have consistently denied that they defrauded the charity.

Killer driver given community service

A MOTORIST who killed a girl of 14 when he mounted the pavement while driving "like a madman" was allowed to go free by a judge yesterday.

Ian Day, 23, was convicted of causing death by dangerous driving and sentenced to 240 hours' community service by Bristol Crown Court. His car had knocked Heather Mills over a road bridge and down a 50ft embankment.

Her father condemned Judge Fanner's sentence. Richard Mills, of Bath, said: "It's a terrible disappointment to see this man walk free. If he had shown a speck of regret or sadness about Heather's death he could have made our lives a lot easier to bear.

"He behaves as if it was a sack of potatoes he hit that day instead of our daughter."

Day, a Ministry of Defence worker of Bath, was banned from driving for five years.

PC pays to charge youths with assault after birthday drink

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A POLICEMAN began a private prosecution yesterday against two youths who allegedly assaulted him while he was on duty.

PC Tony Stallard, 54, brought the case at Oxford Crown Court at his own expense. The Crown Prosecution Service charged the youths but dropped the case.

Kevin Crierie, 19, a plasterer, and Justin Hind, 18, a butcher, both of Witney, Oxfordshire, denied causing actual bodily harm. PC Stallard claims he was attacked as he tried to question them about the theft of two beer glasses. They were celebrating Mr Crierie's eighteenth birthday in July last year.

PC Stallard, who is based in Witney, said he saw them carrying pints of lager through the town centre at 10.30pm. They refused to stop and he grabbed their arms.



PC Stallard: told court he was pushed and kicked

He said he was pushed in the chest by Mr Crierie. "I staggered back but then went forward again and they both came at me." Mr Crierie threw a punch but he ducked and avoided it. The policeman grabbed Mr Crierie in a neck-lock but Mr Hind intervened and all three fell to the ground.

"Crierie was thrashing about like a wild thing. He kicked me several times in the legs and hit me. Then I felt kicks in my back and Hind was the only person in proximity to have done that," PC Stallard said.

Paul Reid, for the prosecution, said it took three officers to restrain Mr Hind. During questioning he said he had been grabbed round the neck by the policeman. PC Stallard, who retires in six months, denied "throwing his weight around" or grabbing the youths by the neck. "One doesn't have time to go into the fineries of a formal arrest in that situation," he said.

The trial continues.

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Bonnie Prince Charlie won't be resting too peacefully, either. Was it not he who first took the secret recipe of aged malt whiskies, herbs and honey, and sped in his bonnie boat like a bird on the wing to the Mackinnons of Skye? There to enjoy the smooth, subtle flavours of Drambuie in the arms of his beloved Flora. The suggestion that ice would have any part to play in such a warm, bathetic scenario is laughable.

Don't assume I'm being blimpish over this. Marjorie and I have been drinking your Drambuie, alternating it with and without ice. In fact, we're enjoying some as I write.

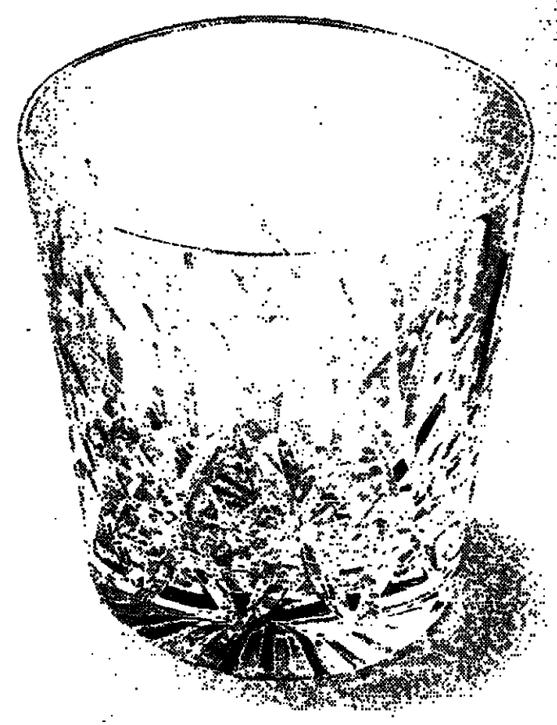
True, ice does seem to bring out the flavour of the drink. The fine malts I particularly noted. But must tradition always play second fiddle to you Johnnies in marketing?

If the plan was to make the drink go further by watering down the Drambuie with ice, it's failed. My bottle is empty.

So, I say "pah!" to Drambuie on the rocks.

And I hope your campaign ends up there, too.

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Power struggle in secret services 'was behind bomb plot'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MI5 orchestrated a mainland bombing plot as part of a power struggle to wrest control of terrorist investigations from the police, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Helena Kennedy QC, defending one of two men accused of involvement in the plot, said the kudos MI5 gained from successfully foiling the plan had helped their objective. The court has been told that Patrick Daly, a Special Branch informer, was working for MI5 when he uncovered a plan by the Irish National Liberation Army to bomb military and civilian targets.

Martin McMonagle and Liam Heffernan were lured into a trap laid by armed police at a quarry in Somerset, from where they allegedly planned to steal explosives.

Mr McMonagle, 31, from Limerick, alleged to be a high-ranking INLA member, and Mr Heffernan, 31, from Belfast, both deny conspiracy to cause explosions, conspiracy to steal explosives and possessing a firearm with infent to endanger life.

One of Mr Daly's MI5 contacts, known as Mr A, was yesterday questioned by Ms Kennedy, who said: "I suggest that this crime was set up by MI5 for what in your own words you described as a considerable intelligence coup."

Mr A, giving evidence from behind a screen, said: "No. I totally refute that."

Mr Daly, who has been given £400,000 to establish a new identity, has denied during his evidence that he was used as an agent provocateur by the security services.

Ms Kennedy asked Mr A: "MI5 were part of a debate taking place over the control of terrorist activity. There was a power struggle between MI5 and Special Branch about who would take control of terrorist activity?" Mr A replied: "Yes, but that did not manifest itself to people on the ground."

Mr Daly has admitted that he was recruited to work for Special Branch in Bristol almost 20 years ago when he was arrested after an IRA plot to murder an Army colonel.

Mr Daly's cover was blown when it was believed that the names of informants would have to be disclosed to the defence. Mr A said that it was decided to set up Mr Daly with a new identity.

Another of Mr Daly's contacts, known as Mr C, denied a claim by Ms Kennedy that the explosives theft had been set up as a "sting" by MI5.

Ms Kennedy said: "If you came here and said that your agent had acted illegally, it would reflect badly on you and the State. This would not have happened at all but for the role played by MI5 and Special Branch."

Mr C insisted that MI5 and Special Branch had had nothing to do with instigating the bombing plot.

The trial continues.



STEPHEN MARKESON

Pragna Patel, right, from Kilburn, north London, has won £5,000 and the 1993 achievement award sponsored by *Cosmopolitan* magazine. She is the co-founder of Southall Black Sisters, an organisation that assists Asian women who are victims of domestic violence. The newsreader Moira Stuart was on the panel of judges

Residents fight plan for high-rise 'brutalism'

BY RACHEL KELLY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to build a 22-storey block of flats in south London have provoked an outcry from nearby residents.

The London Institute, a group of colleges including the London College of Printing, hopes to build the £57 million block to house students at Elephant and Castle. The scheme would also include a leisure centre that would replace the Elephant and Castle leisure centre and car park that occupy the Southwark council site.

Few residential tower blocks have been built in the past 20 years. A local resident, Carl Thomas, condemned the plan as a "return to the old brutalism". He said: "The 22-storey high-rise and other huge blocks will tower over the surrounding buildings."

This week the council planning committee said it was "minded to approve" the tower block. Because of opposition, however, the scheme has been referred to the environment secretary.

DNA case man to be retried for rape

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chief Justice yesterday ordered the retrial of a man who was convicted of three rapes solely on the basis of DNA "fingerprint" evidence.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth quashed three convictions for rape given to Andrew Deen, who was jailed for 16 years for attacks on women five years ago. Mr Deen, 26, of Moss Side, Manchester, was said at his trial at Manchester Crown Court to have terrorised university students living in the Rusholme, Withington, Whalley Range and Longsight areas of the city.

Lord Taylor said yesterday that the decision to order a retrial should not be taken to indicate that DNA profiling was an unsafe source of evidence in criminal trials. Sitting with Mr Justice John Owen and Mr Justice Latham, he said that they would give reasons for their decision to quash the convictions and order a retrial at a later date.

The announcement came after a hearing in the appeal court in which fresh evidence was called of a re-evaluation of the DNA evidence that convicted Mr Deen. He will remain in custody until the retrial.

Michael Mansfield QC, for Mr Deen, argued that a crucial new reading by a laboratory in Germany cast serious doubt on whether an acceptable DNA match had been shown between blood samples from Mr Deen and a specimen of semen from one of the rape victims.

DNA profiling is used in about 600 cases a year.



Lord Taylor: DNA test not unsafe evidence

Businesses honoured for helping the arts

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

BUSINESS sponsors were rewarded for creative support of the arts at a National Theatre ceremony attended by more than 1,000 guests yesterday.

The Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts/Arthur Andersen 1993 awards, in association with *The Times*, were presented by the Princess of Wales.

Sir Simon Hornby, association chairman, paid tribute to those who kept faith despite the recession. He described British arts as bursting with talent. They deserved a concerted plan of action combining vision from government and a strong Arts Council.

A new award, sponsored by *The Times*, went to the arts organisation that made outstanding use of its business sponsorship: the Donmar Warehouse, sponsored by Carlton Television.

The winners, who each received part of an aluminium chalice commissioned from Tom Heatherwick, a Royal College of Art student, are:

☐ **British art overseas:** Rover Deutschland for Festival of Music from Great Britain in Germany
☐ **Commission of new art in any medium:** Scottish Hydro-Electric, nominated by Traverse Theatre
☐ **Corporate programme:** Manchester airport, nominated by Hallé Orchestra, Royal Exchange, Opera North and Contact Theatre
☐ **First-time sponsor:** Halifax Building Society, nominated by Eureka! The Museum for Children in Halifax
☐ **Increasing access to the arts:** BP Chemicals, nominated by Sculpture at Margam
☐ **Long-term commitment:** W H Smith Group for sponsorship of English Shakespeare Company, Glyndebourne Productions, IRIE!, The Poetry Society, Rambert Dance Company and the Royal National Theatre
☐ **Single project:** Guinness Northern Ireland, nominated by Belfast Festival at Queen's
☐ **Sponsorship by a small business:** Robert Golden Pictures, nominated by Opera Circus
☐ **Youth sponsorship:** RTZ Corporation, nominated by Guildhall School of Music and Drama
☐ **Elf Arts Award:** Book Trust for use of sponsorship from Forward Publishing
☐ **Arts adviser of the year:** Lorraine Trainer, of the London Stock Exchange, for work with the Serpentine Gallery.

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HSE calls for new policy on stress

WORKERS who have little control over their day-to-day activities are more prone to stress, the Health and Safety Executive said yesterday.

Repetitive and monotonous work, uncertainty, constant change and lack of managerial support also contribute to a stressful working environment, according to a report undertaken for the HSE by Nottingham University.

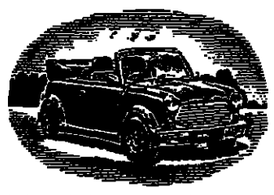
The HSE wants to see a national policy that recognises occupational stress as a health and safety issue. Research should be undertaken to measure stress in order to manage it successfully and employees should be trained to decrease stress levels. Staff should be encouraged to take steps to alleviate stressful situations, the report says.

Dr Paul Davies, senior health policy official at the HSE, said: "We believe this report provides a sound basis on which the Health and Safety Commission and HSE, employers and others concerned with the management of occupational stress can draw."

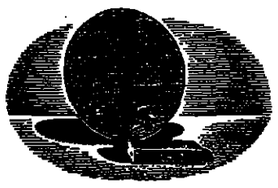
An HSE spokesman said: "The review identifies factors which are now agreed to have the potential to cause stress. These include physical factors such as heat and noise, and pressures caused by the way work is managed."



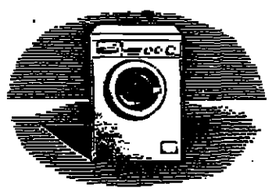
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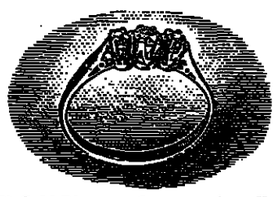
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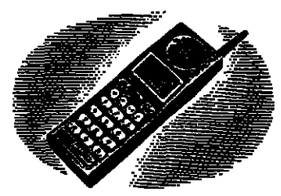
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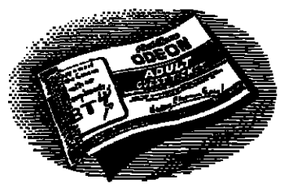
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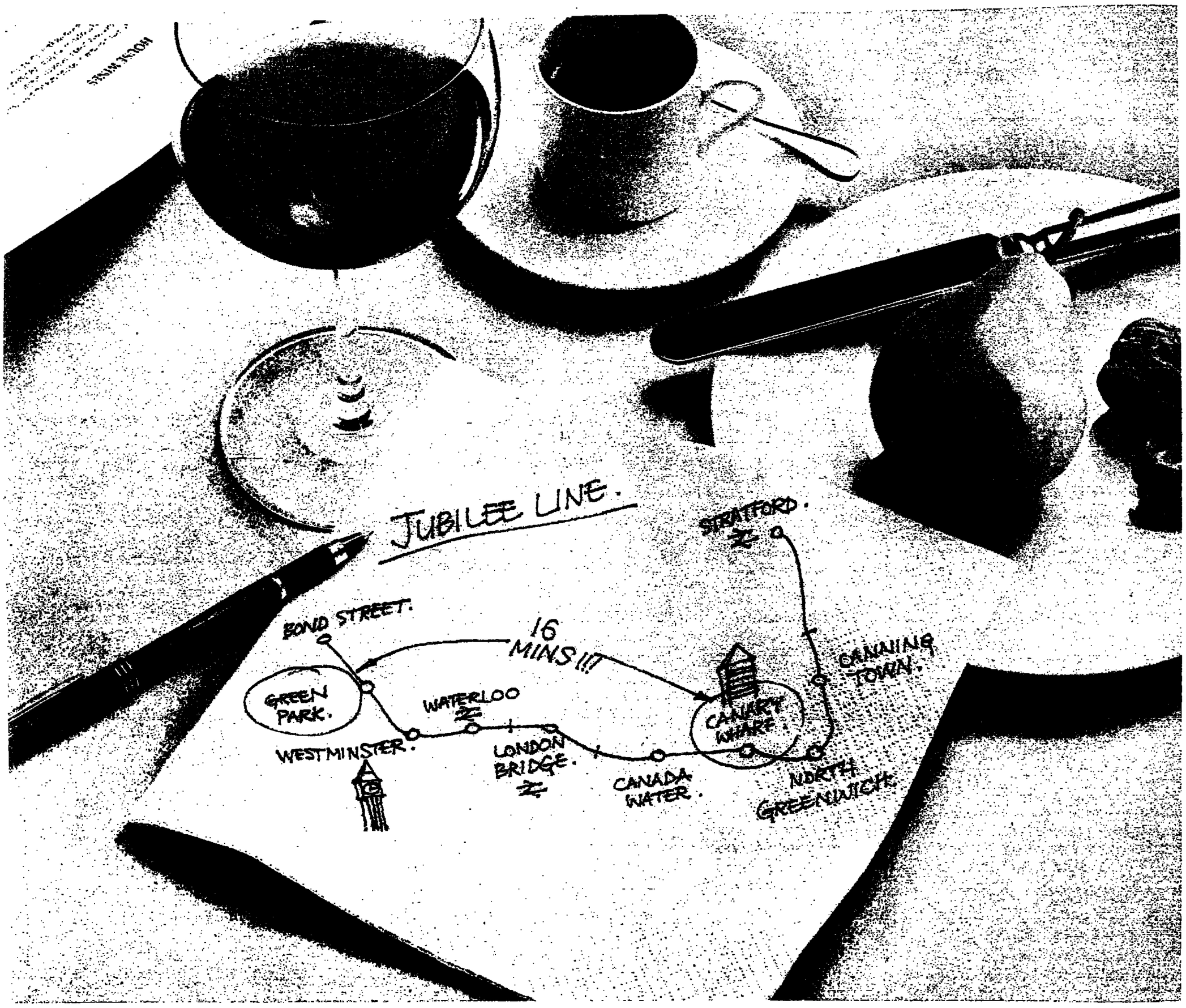
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GP fundholding dispute

BMA says money, not need, leads to faster patient care

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS of GP fundholders are jumping queues for treatment or gaining other advantages in nearly half of hospitals, according to a survey that claims "fast-tracking" is widespread in the NHS.

The British Medical Association, which published the survey yesterday, claimed this was the strongest evidence so far that the NHS is operating a two-tier service. The findings show 42 per cent of hospitals offer priority treatment for fundholders' patients, and triggered an immediate dispute between doctors and health ministers.

GP fundholders, who hold their own budgets to buy routine hospital treatment for their patients, are a key element of the health service reforms and now cover a third of the population. The survey says the benefits for patients include consultant clinics held at the local surgery, quicker out-patient appointments and accelerated admissions.

The BMA claimed the results, based on returns from 173 of 247 hospitals surveyed, show that patients are no longer being treated on the basis of clincial need. But Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Health Minister, denied the charge and said he was "unimpressed" by the evidence. He claimed hospitals were using spare capacity, after completing their health authority contracts, to offer fundholders special deals that were not disadvantaging other patients.

David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, said orthopaedic patients in Weston Area Health Trust in Avon wait up to eight weeks for a first appointment if their GP is a fundholder but must wait up to 54 weeks if their GP is not a fundholder. "There is clear evidence that there is a system of queue-jumping operating within the NHS," he said.

The BMA survey suggests fast-tracking is most common in Wessex Regional Health Authority, where two-thirds of hospitals admit giving priority to patients of GP fundholders, compared with only one in five in the North Western regional authority.

John Chawner, chairman of the BMA's Central Consultants and Specialists Committee, said: "The reality for patients in today's NHS is that if you are a fundholding GP you will get treatment which in some cases is not available to other patients or is only available after a longer wait.

"Doctors throughout the country are committed to NHS treatment on the basis of need and this survey raises serious issues about whether the present arrangements are making this top priority."

But Dr Mawhinney accused the BMA of trying to "turn back the clock" on the GP fundholding scheme. He said investigation of an earlier list of 35 hospitals which the BMA had claimed were fast-tracking fundholders' patients had turned up "not one single example of a two-tier system".

He said: "We stand by our policy that no purchaser of health care should enter into a contract that disadvantages the patients of another purchaser," adding that anyone — GP fundholder or health authority — could buy spare capacity in hospitals.

Jim Johnson, the deputy chairman of the BMA consultants committee, said, however, that the minister's argument was specious. "It certainly isn't the view of doctors or patients when they see patients of one GP being treated sooner than another regardless of clinical need," he said.

Health authorities, who buy care for non-fundholding GPs, tended to run out of funds because they had to pay for emergencies as well as all other work, whereas GP fundholders have funds to be spent only on routine treatment. "When health authorities are broke, the only way they can get more money is by going to a GP fundholder. The two sorts of GP are on an unequal footing and prudence and wisdom about the way their budgets are spent don't come into it," he said.



Blunkett: evidence that waiting times contrast

PATIENTS PAY THE PRICE

A WELSH border town has been split into the haves and the have-nots by the GP fundholding scheme.

Olwen Roberts, of Hay-on-Wye, Powys, has been told she will have to wait up to 18 months for a hip replacement operation, despite being in pain, because her local health authority has run out of money. But her orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Vic Seal, said another of his patients would get his hip replacement within weeks, despite being in less pain, because his GP is a fundholder and can pay for the operation.

Dr Seal rejected the government's denial that the NHS was operating a two-tier service. "I had a letter from the man's fundholding practice saying that if I didn't do this man's operation by February, it would take its money elsewhere. This is typical of the sort of inequitable system that has been created."



STEPHEN MARKESON

Deckchair users enjoy a traditional Morecambe summer, but they are a declining breed and the hired chairs are likely to vanish

Regret as bottom falls out of deckchair trade

BY BILL FROST

A POTENT symbol of holiday tradition died in Morecambe Bay yesterday when tourist officials disclosed that nobody wanted to take on next summer's deckchair concession at the resort.

Offering condolences to the trippers who come to enjoy the sands with rolled-up trousers and heads protected by a knotted handkerchief, the Lancashire town admitted that the deckchair trade was about to fold.

Trevor White, the tourist marketing officer, spoke wistfully of the glory days when the beach was packed with people trying to tackle the complex workings of the chairs. "It is very sad that a tradition has to end, but these days people don't want to spend all day on the beach anymore," he said.

Once 6,500 chairs a day were hired to holidaymakers, he said. "As the years have gone by the number of deckchairs has waned. Most people come to Morecambe by car and bring their own chairs and windbreakers."

The local authority put the business out to private firms some years ago. However, the last operator had given up saying that he could not cover his costs.

Sid Thomas, a former Morecambe foreshore supervisor, recalled the days when ranks of deckchairs covered the beach and the prom. The council had run a "hospital" for chairs broken by overweight or clumsy tourists. Supervisors were trained to tend people who had trapped their fingers while erecting the chairs.

"Having a deckchair was part of the traditional visit to the seaside. The death of the deckchair will be the end of an era," he said.

Patten gets tough on school time

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

JOHN Patten, the Education Secretary, threatened yesterday to introduce tougher instructions to schools on the length of time they teach. Provisional education department figures showed that almost 30 per cent of state school pupils are taught for less than the government's recommended hours. Junior schools are the worst offenders, almost half falling short of the recommended 24 hours a week.

Mr Patten asked Stewart Sutherland, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, to launch an immediate enquiry into teaching time and to make recommendations for action. The review will also assess the relationship between examination results and hours in the classroom.

In secondary schools, department figures show a difference of three hours a week between the longest and the shortest time taught — the equivalent of six months in a pupil's schooling. They showed that at least 1,000 secondary schools in England were failing to teach pupils for the required 24 hours a week.

Polluters 'let off hook' by ruling

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

COMPANIES can be forced to pay damages for water pollution only if they could have foreseen the harm they caused, the House of Lords decided yesterday. The ruling was condemned by environment groups as undermining the principle "the polluter pays".

Andrew Lees, campaigns director of Friends of the Earth, said: "The judgment means that many polluting industries could now dodge the cost of cleaning up."

In a decision with profound implications for the development of environmental law, the law lords declared in effect that companies cannot be held retrospectively liable for pollution caused when their activities did not infringe any regulations in force.

In 1985 the Cambridge Water Company sued Eastern Counties Leather, a tannery, for damages after the water company had been forced to close a borehole because of contamination by a chemical used to de-grease pelts.

In 1976 the water company bought land at Sawston Mill near Cambridge and began pumping from an underground aquifer in 1979. Tests showed the water to be in compliance with quality standards then prevailing. In 1980 an EC directive imposed higher standards, and further tests in 1983, using technology not previously available, detected levels of perchloroethylene (PCE) in the water that far exceeded the limit allowed in the directive.

The water company was forced to close the borehole and sink another at a cost of about £1.4 million. In July 1991, the High Court threw out the water company's claim for damages on the grounds that the tannery could not have foreseen in 1976 that the spillages would lead to quantities of PCE being found in the aquifer years later.

But in November last year the Court of Appeal took a different view, arguing that Eastern Counties Leather was guilty of nuisance, even though no fault or negligence was proved, because it had infringed the natural right of the water company to unpolluted supplies. It is this ruling that has been overturned.

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UK teenagers have highest birth-rate in Western Europe

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE UK has the highest teenage birth-rate in Western Europe, where rates fell sharply during the past decade, according to figures published yesterday.

The rate of 33 births per thousand women was exceeded only in the United States, with 53, while most of Europe had much lower figures. The rate in Spain was twelve, Italy ten, France nine, and The Netherlands five.

According to the report, the conception rate for girls under 16 was 9.3 per thousand in 1991, with the highest rate found in urban areas. In the UK's largest cities the figure rose to 13.3 per thousand.

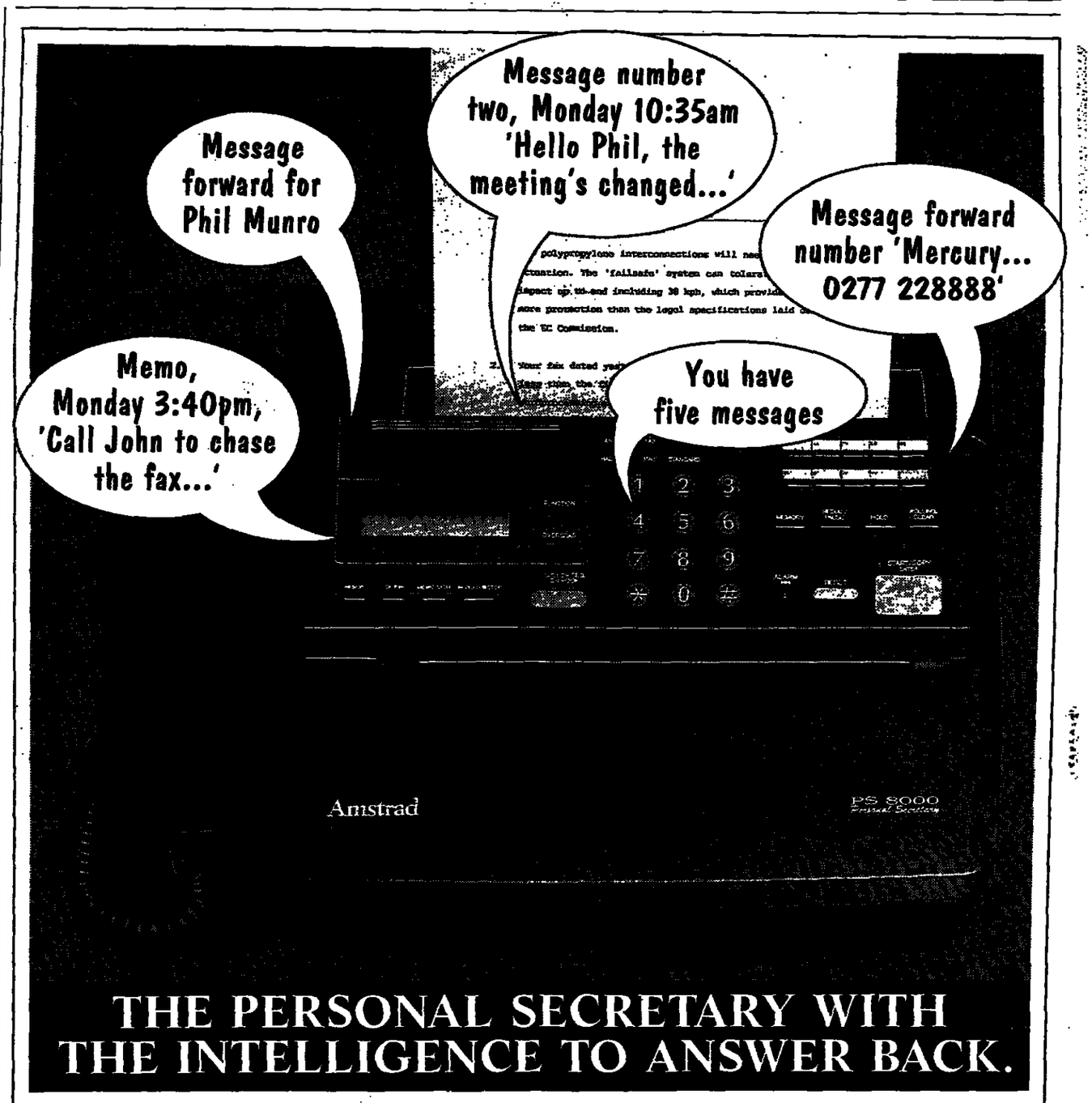
Although the report *Population Trends* says the number of births outside marriage to women under 20 increased from 13.7 to 28 per thousand, it also found an increase in the number of births registered by parents giving the same address, from 13,000 in 1981 to 28,000 in 1991.

The study, published by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, showed that the proportion of births outside marriage increased in 1991-92 by 1 percentage point to 31.2 per cent. Births outside marriage accounted for 84 per cent of all births to teenagers and almost half of births to women in their early twenties.

Last year, more than three quarters of all births outside marriage were jointly registered and almost three quarters of those were registered by men and women living at the same address and presumed to be cohabiting.

The highest proportion of births outside marriage was to women born in the Caribbean, although the figure had dropped from 50 per cent in 1982 to 46 per cent last year.

This compared with 9.4 per cent of births to women born in the East African Commonwealth outside marriage; rest of African Commonwealth 38 per cent; Pakistan and Bangladesh 1.1 per cent; India 2.6 per cent and UK 33.4 per cent.



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Poisonous crayons and highly flammable cots discovered during trading standards investigation

Safety warning as dangerous toys hit Christmas market

By Dominic Kennedy

THOUSANDS of dangerous toys have been sold as Christmas presents this year, trading standards officers said yesterday. Among them are illegal copies of puppets of the BBC television character Mr Blobby, which have detachable eyes that could be pulled off and swallowed by small children.

Many of the 100,000 dangerous and illegal toys are made in China and the Far East. Some include poisonous materials, such as lead, or are highly flammable.

The "CE" mark — a self-declaration of safety standards on toys — is no protection, parents have been warned. Trading standards officers in Liverpool, who conducted a two-month investigation, found that most dangerous toys bore the symbol.

Although many have been seized or removed from shelves, thousands are believed to have already been sold. Peter Mawdsley, the city's head of trading standards, said: "A small minority of importers are still carrying out inadequate safety testing. As a result, potentially lethal toys are getting on to the market."

He advised parents to buy quality toys from reputable traders, examine purchases for obvious faults, keep toys with age warnings away from younger children and if in doubt seek advice from trading standards officers.

Eileen Devaney, Liverpool council's consumer protection chairman, said: "We don't wait for a tragedy to happen, then react. Parents must be warned of the problem now. The presence of unsafe toys on the market shows that some makers and importers are still putting their profits before safety. But you cannot put a price on a young child's life."

The dangerous toys include:

☐ **Unofficial Mr Blobby puppets:** origin unknown. Dozens were seized from a house in Derby. Derbyshire county council warned parents to be particularly vigilant at car boot sales.

☐ **Pack of 10 Jumbo Crayons:** made in China by Fantasy. They contain excessive amounts of lead, a carcinogen associated with mental retardation in children. The yellow crayon has six times the safety limit and the light green three times the legal dose.

☐ **Bronto Baby:** a Super Toys soft baby dinosaur, made in China. Easily detached plastic eyes could choke a child.

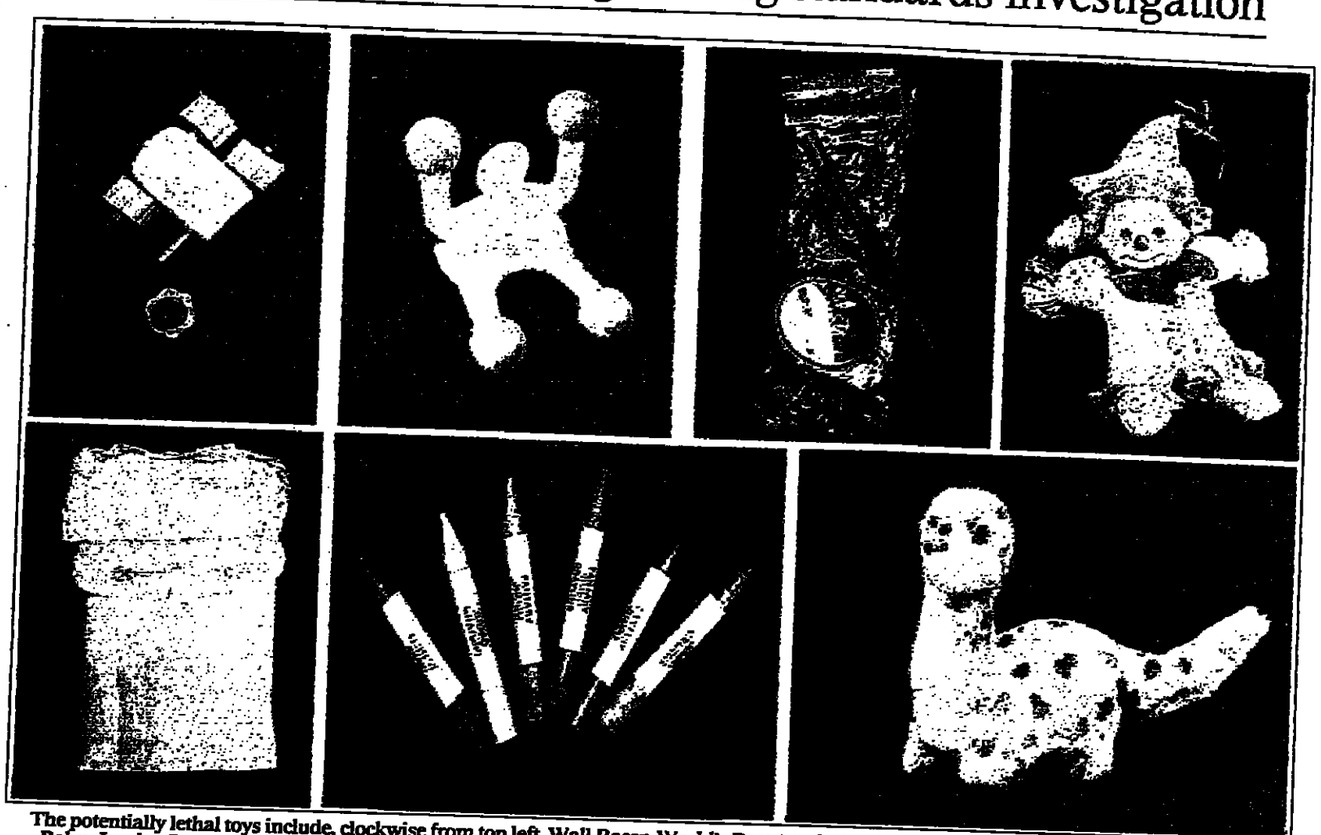
☐ **Happy Clown and Circus Clown:** made in China. Fibre in the clowns' hats could choke children.

☐ **Baby Nest:** the pink two-foot toy, made in the Britain, is highly flammable.

☐ **Wall Racer/Car Vertical Racer:** the toy cars with sticky, jelly-like tyres made in the Far East are designed to run down walls. The easily detachable wheels and tyres resemble sweets and could choke a child.

☐ **World's Best Acrobat:** the plastic figure that somersaults down a wall was made in the Far East. Sticky, jelly-like balls on the end of each limb are easily detached and could choke a child.

☐ **Swim mask and snorkel:** made in China, it has no safety warnings to make clear that the equipment is for use only in shallow water and under adult supervision.



The potentially lethal toys include, clockwise from top left, Wall Racer, World's Best Acrobat, swim mask and snorkel, Circus Clown, Bronto Baby, Jumbo Crayons and Baby Nest. Trading officers say that many of the dangerous toys carry safety markings from manufacturers



Mawdsley: "importers not doing safety test"

Judge attacks 'filthy' young offender unit

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

INMATES in a much-criticised young offenders' centre spend too much time in their cells and live in unsatisfactory conditions where bullying remains at high levels, according to a report published today.

Judge Stephen Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, says that unless there are moves to improve Feltham Young Offender Institution and Remand Centre, where four inmates committed sucide in seven months, its future is bleak.

Judge Tumim says that the overall impression of the centre in west London is that it is not governable because it holds hundreds of convicted and unconvicted youths from as far away as Liverpool and Cornwall. The report says it is the dirtiest young offenders' institution in the country.

Judge Tumim says that providing some remand prisoners with only one pair of underpants and socks a week falls far short of satisfactory standards.

He criticises the state of cells, which were found to be in need of decoration, covered in graffiti and contained damaged furniture. "Some of the toilets were filthy and foul smelling and some bathing areas were not maintained to appropriate standards," the report says.

A distressed juvenile was found in one cell, where he had been for many hours. The report says: "Many inmates spent too much time in cells which were barren of furniture and devoid of stimulation on first arrival. The attitudes of some staff seemed to be offhand."

HM Young Offender Institution and Remand Centre, Feltham (Home Office)



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Turkish delight

I have been flooded with games by *The Times* readers from around the world since the end of the world championship. For example, I have received a selection of imaginative, sacrificial games from *The Times* readers in Turkey.

The following is typical. Black sacrifices a piece on move 8, banking on 9 exf6 Re8+ 10 Kf1 Qxf6 with tremendous compensation for the sacrificed piece. White declines the material but still comes under a heavy attack.

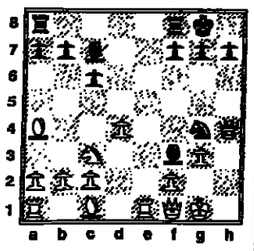
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5	Ba4	Bc5
6	Nxe5	0-0
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8	e5	c6
9	0-0	Ne8
10	Kh1	d6
11	exd6	Qh4
12	d7	Bxd7
13	Ne5	Be6
14	Nf3	Nd3
15	Qxf3	Bc7
16	g3	Qh3
17	Kg1	Bg4
18	Qg2	Qh5
19	Re1	Bf3
20	Qf1	Nf5
21	d4	Ng4
22	h4	Qxh4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Readers' games

Readers are invited to continue submitting their own games for possible publication in this column.

Games should be sent to me, c/o Keene on Chess, The Times, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN.

Miles about

Tony Miles of England scored a fine win in the international tournament in Crete, finishing with 8 points out of 9, a point ahead of Smagin (Russia), Sturua (Georgia) and Drasko (former Yugoslavia) who scored 7 points.

Hungarian championship

Andras Adorjan ran out the winner of this year's Hungarian championship with a score of 7.5 out of 11, ahead of Groszpeter and Alamasi, who both scored 6.5.

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Defeated opponents of Sunday trade turn their attention to workers' rights

Archbishop warns of 'risk to health'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND BILL FROST

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, yesterday voiced "deep concern" over the long-term effects of the decision to allow almost unlimited Sunday shopping. Dr Carey reacted to Wednesday night's vote by MPs by warning the Government that lifting trading restrictions could seriously damage the country's physical and spiritual health.

MPs voted by a majority of 75 to allow widespread trading, but only after an attempt to keep tight restrictions on seven-day opening failed by just 18 votes.

The Archbishop rallied defeated campaigners by saying that he was impressed by the consensus among MPs that Sunday should remain a special day and their rejection of plans to allow totally unlimited Sunday trading. "It is important that the end result should not turn out to be virtually complete deregulation by another name."

Defeated campaigners and MPs vowed yesterday to continue their fight to protect shop staff who do not want to work on Sundays. Although Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has said that workers will have the right to refuse to work on Sundays, campaign groups, Labour MPs and lawyers claimed that the protection would prove unworkable.

Employee protection will now become the central topic of the Sunday Trading Bill's remaining stages in the Commons. The Government remained nervous about the issue yesterday, recognising that a large number of the 85 Labour MPs who supported general trading did so on the basis that better protection would be added to the bill at a later stage.

While senior ministers celebrated victory in the main political battle, they are wary about losing ground in the potentially hazardous skirmishes to come on employment issues. Although John Major welcomed Wednesday's decision, Downing Street attempted to dampen the reaction of the victorious campaigners, saying "obviously it is not settled yet".

Paul Boateng, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, said the party would press for further assurances to protect shop staff. "If the Government wants this bill to go through, it will have to offer proper protection, not the unworkable concessions offered to date."

Ray Powell, the veteran Labour MP who led the campaign to restrict Sunday trading, said: yesterday: "We will have to look at the possibility of amending this bill and try to save some of our communities from what could be disaster."

Two of the largest retail chains to have opposed deregulation of Sunday trading signalled yesterday that they are to change their policy in the face of market forces. However, the John Lewis Partnership and Marks & Spencer said there was no question of cashing in on the pre-Christmas rush.

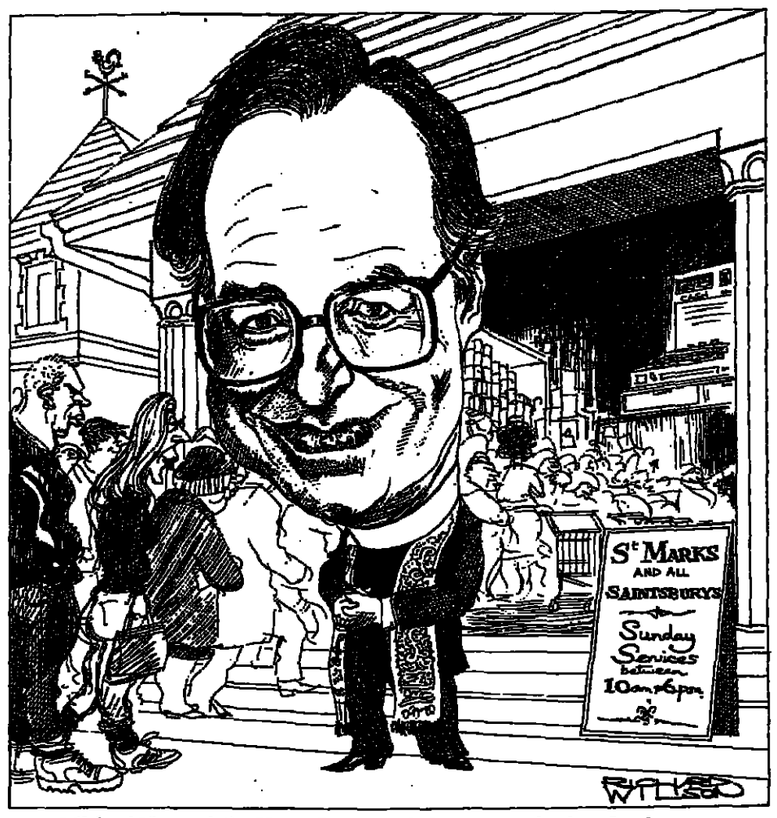
The John Lewis Partnership, which owns the Waitrose chain of supermarkets, said: "It will be some time before the new law comes into effect and we will be ready with a competitive response." Waitrose has been down an estimated £1 million a week in lost sales, having decided against opening on Sundays.

Marks & Spencer said that the company would be opening stores on Sunday as soon as the bill became law. "We will opt for city centre and edge-of-town sites. We have been forced into it, we cannot buck market forces," a spokeswoman said.

David Quarmby, Sainsbury's joint managing director, doubted that the vote signalled the end of the traditional Sunday. The shops that would take advantage would be out-of-town stores already opening in defiance of the law.

Labour emphasised yesterday that during the bill's passage the party would press for double-time pay for Sunday working. Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, has given the vote a broad welcome.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said the decision to ease regulation of Sunday shopping could mean meters, yellow lines and traffic wardens in operation on Sundays. If normal trading became common in town centres, usual weekday parking restrictions would probably have to be imposed.



Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, helps to open the door for shoppers

Jittery MPs head for familiar cover after a free vote

MPs had an unusual experience on Wednesday evening. They had to make up their own minds without the guidance of the whips. That was uncomfortable for some who will have to explain their votes to various Church, shopkeeper, shopworker and other groups which have been lobbying them intensively.

That makes the division lists worth reading for once. They are normally predictable: see how Richard Ryder and Derek Foster, the two Chief Whips, have voted and the rest follows, apart from a few well-known mavericks. This is why the Maastricht revolts by two dozen Tory MPs were so exceptional.

This practice often produces complaints about tyrannical whips forcing MPs to toe the party line. That is usually nonsense. Most MPs are happy to follow the lead of their whips. Few MPs apart from know-alls have considered every issue in detail. They are happy to be told what to do and, in some cases, say.

MIDDLE OF POLITICS

For most MPs being a loyal member of their party is why they are in politics and in the Commons. They do not want to rebel. The whips also provide convenient cover. MPs can blame the whips when they have to make controversial votes. That is why peristent rebels like Nicholas Winterton are unpopular with many colleagues. They are seen as self-righteously indulging their consciences.

Without the cohesion of party, and the whipping system, there would be a danger of anarchy, as Walter Bagehot recognised even in the more fluid parliamentary days of the 1860s. That is inherent in the American Congress where members of the House of Representatives, facing re-election every two years, are accountable more to their constituents than their party whips. For instance, last month, Democrat members of the House looked for reassurance from President Clinton over the Nafta trade treaty which was strongly opposed by the unions and other party groups. Cover was vital.

In the case of the Sunday Trading Bill, cover was provided by outside interests, in particular by Usdaw, the shopworkers' union. In April 1986, no Labour MPs voted for deregulation. Although the Tories then had a majority of 140, the bill was defeated by 14 since 68 Tory MPs voted against. There are now 60 fewer Tory MPs, and 60 more Labour members, than in 1986, but the proposal for partial deregulation was approved by 333 votes to 258.

The pro camp included 85 Labour MPs, led by John Smith and 13 other members of the shadow Cabinet. (While less than a third of all Labour MPs supported the change, more than two-fifths of the party's members from Scotland, where there is already deregulation, did.) This has led to some Labour recriminations, with hard-left MPs accusing the leadership of failing to exploit Tory divisions. But the MPs supporting partial deregulation pointed to the shift by Usdaw in favour of the compromise option.

On the Tory side, the emergence of the compromise was also decisive. Only just over a half of Tory MPs, including Michael Howard, the home secretary, voted for complete deregulation. But the number of Tories supporting change rose by 70 to 241 on the successful option. That enabled MPs to say they had balanced calls for deregulation and tidying up current anomalies with the continuation of some restrictions. Twelve Tories who voted against the 1986 bill shifted to back the compromise.

The long battle of attrition over Sunday trading has now been decided, with MPs having moved to positions they feel able to defend without the protection of the whips. But most would rather it did not happen too often.

PETER RIDDELL

Weekend shopping

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Gateway: rump steak, £2.78 a lb; Somerfield frozen medium prawns, £2.39 for 400g pack.

Harrods: German green peppered salami, £8 a lb; Australian mangoes, £3 a lb.

Iceland: leg of lamb, £1.89 a lb; 250g whole cooked lobster, £2.99.

Marks & Spencer: pork loin with glaze, £5.99 each; Cox's apples, 99p for 3lb punnet.

Safeway: Wiltshire ham cured on the bone, £2.76 a lb; clementines, £1.25 for 1.4kg pack.

Sainsbury's: prime sirloin steak, £4.28 a lb; whole rainbow trout, £1.88 a lb; Conference pears (loose), 32p a lb.

Tesco: lean braising steak, £2.66 a lb; whole prawns, £1.99 a lb; cauliflower, 79p.

Waitrose: stuffed lamb shoulder, £1.49 a lb; cooked crevettes, £5.95 a lb; Wilja potatoes, 49p for 2.5kg pack.

Wine and beer: Among the best offers are:

Safeway: Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon red, £1.99.

Gateway: Macon Rouge, £2.99; 8 cans Stella Artois lager, £6.45.

Asda: Komorom Hungarian Chardonnay, £1.99; Bacardi white rum, £10.69.

Marks & Spencer: White Lambrusco (1l), £2.25.

Iceland: Guinness original (4 pack), £3.19.

Sainsbury's: Sainsbury's extra-dry champagne, £9.95; Chateau Beaumont 1990, Haut-Medoc, £5.95.

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Reform of councils could add £60 to average poll tax

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

COUNCIL tax bills for the average family could rise by £60 in the run-up to the next general election because of the Government's bitterly disputed plans to restructure local government.

John Major is now facing a head-on collision with the Local Government Commission, many backbench MPs and businesses who oppose Government plans to abolish shire counties and to amalgamate districts into unitary authorities where possible, to replace the existing two-tier structure in England.

The independent Local Government Commission, which was set up to study the biggest reform of local government for more than 20 years, will today publish a report which will opt for a far more pragmatic approach than the Government's blueprint. Its latest report recommends treating each area independently, having unitary authorities in cities and some counties and improving the old two-tier system in some rural areas.

Sir John Banham, the commission's chairman, admitted in an interview with *The Times* that the review had become a poison chalice. "Many MPs and ministers never want to hear about it again. They say that, like the poll tax, it is an accident waiting to happen. Voters will rebel against the expense and will not want to be forced into losing their old counties."

The cost of the reform has been estimated at up to £1.1 billion and could put £45 to £60 on each council tax bill in 1995 or 1996. Sir John hopes to recoup the cost in two years. But David Curry, the environment minister, who is now handling the review and favours predominantly one-tier authorities, has told the commission that it is not precluded from recommending an option marginally more expensive than the status quo.

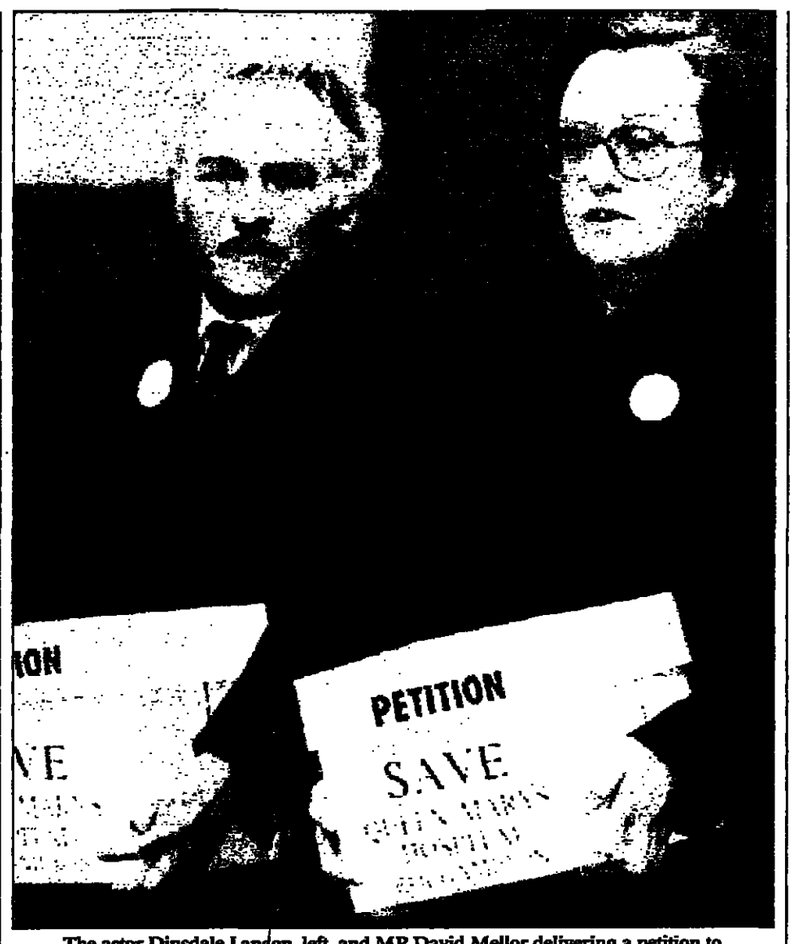
John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, realising that his predecessor Michael Heseltine's big idea might have gone sour, recently went back to the drawing board. But Mr Major has refused to let him scale down the proposals and has speeded up the process for completion next year.

Sir John believes that local government restructuring is necessary but that the Government approach is wrong and that, unlike the commission, which has already interviewed 25,000 residents, the Government has not taken local people's views into account.

According to Sir John two-thirds of local people so far have said they would like to see the existing two-tier system replaced by unitary local government, especially if it would mean cost-cutting in the end. But in certain areas county ties are so strong that it would be unwise for the Government to tamper with them.

"People in London will say our approach is very messy but we have now come to the conclusion that it would be very dangerous to alter counties like Yorkshire and Co Durham, while Cambridgeshire is an obvious county to split up," he said.

Sir John says he will not be swayed by "the army of arm-twisting and axe-grinding special pleaders", the local councils and districts which are fighting among themselves to take over local power. "It worries me that hard-up councils and districts are spending vast amounts trying to convince us of their cause. Their presentation will make no difference," he said.



The actor Dinsdale Landon, left, and MP David Mellor delivering a petition to Downing Street against the closure of Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton

Tories accused of cowardice on bills

BY ROBERT MORGAN AND JILL SHERMAN

A ROW erupted in the Commons yesterday over Government plans to rush through legislation to raise workers' national insurance contributions and to cut state support for sick pay.

Margaret Beckett, Labour's deputy Leader, said that the decision to cut short debate on the two bills next week were the "worst examples of insolence" and a demonstration of the Government's "contempt for the democratic process".

In an unusual move the Government has decided to guillotine bills covering two of the most controversial measures announced in this year's two Budgets to ensure that both can be implemented from next April. The two bills will now be given only one day each to be debated in the Commons next week. The move betrays the Government's own fears that the Budget has already had its honeymoon period and will soon begin to unravel.

Standing in for John Smith, the party Leader, who was in Brussels, Mrs Beckett said at Prime Minister's question time that the Government was running away from a debate on the issues. The two bills exposed the hypocrisy of the Government's claims to be cutting the burdens on industry, she said. However Tony Newton, the leader of the House, deputising for John Major, who was also in Brussels, said that the two measures would reduce the costs of British industry.

The Statutory Sick Pay Bill abolishes all state reimbursement now given to employers for statutory sick pay, although small firms will be protected. Until now companies have had an 80 per cent reimbursement. The Social Security Contributions Bill includes measures to increase the rate of national insurance contributions by 1 per cent.

Mrs Beckett said the Government stood convicted of deceit and incompetence and now cowardice was added to the charges.

Tory business managers later explained that the two bills had to be rushed through in order to ensure that secondary legislation, related to the bills, could also be passed by next April. In addition employers had to have enough notice to be able to change their computer software so that the measures could be introduced in time. The business managers also admitted that, having taken soundings, it was clear that the bills would not get through in time, unless debate was shortened.

Ministers submit bids for new bills

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

CABINET ministers are already submitting their bids for legislation in next year's Queen's Speech, only three weeks after the current session's programme was unveiled to Parliament.

The Government has brought forward by months the annual timetable for planning its package of legislative proposals to allow more time for consideration and co-ordination of competing claims from Government departments. It will also give parliamentary draftsmen more time to put bills together.

This week Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, compared the process of drawing together the Queen Speech's measures to the non-stop painting of the Forth Bridge. He was speaking at a conference on "The Coming Year in Parliament".

The Cabinet committee responsible for deciding which proposals will go forward next year as legislation will consider the outline of the package "early in the new year". The Cabinet gave provisional approval to last November's Queen's Speech measures in May, earlier than usual. The process now appears to have been brought even further forward.

Peers were angered earlier this year when the Railways Bill was the subject of hundreds of government amendments during its Lords stages to tidy up drafting and practical flaws in the wording of the legislation.

Mr Newton also said he was in favour of publishing draft legislation in future to allow interested parties to examine the detail of proposals before they are introduced to Parliament.



Newton: allowing more time for legislation

Health managers 'wasted £20m'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than £20 million was wasted by health managers through a catalogue of "grave shortcomings, mismanagement, conflicts of interests and concealment of vital information", MPs reported yesterday.

A 210-page cross-party report chronicles a tale of money squandered on a computer system which had to be abandoned by Wessex Regional Health Authority.

A combination of weak management and a lack of financial control led to the waste of money which "should have been spent on health care for sick people", said the detailed report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee.

The regional information systems plan, started in 1984, was intended to provide more detailed information to help to improve clinical and other health services. By April 1990, when the plan was abandoned, more than £43 million had been spent on a system aimed at improving efficiency.

The MPs' report says: "We consider it a matter of grave concern that, by the management executive's own admission, at least £20 million was wasted.

"It is unacceptable, too, that although a series of auditors' reports were presented to the management executive and the Secretary of State between February 1987 and August 1989 [then Kenneth Clarke] detailing what had gone wrong in the implementation of the project, it was not abandoned by the authority until 1990."

The report says that John Hoare, the former regional general manager, "carried the main responsibility for what went wrong. The evidence presented to us depicted Mr Hoare as a man with a strong vision and such a determination not to be deflected off course that he presided over a series of actions incompatible with the proper handling of public money and without regard to clear evidence that the project was going badly wrong."

Brian Mawhinney, the Health Minister, accepted yesterday that controls at the early stages of the information systems plan were "inadequate but much has changed since then".

The week in Parliament

The main business in Parliament in the next week is expected to be:

House of Commons

Today: Debate on private member's motion on business and industry.
Monday: Debates on peacekeeping operations and on the aerospace industry.
Tuesday: Timetable motions on Social Security (Contributions) Bill and Statutory Sick Pay Bill.
Wednesday: Proceedings on the Statutory Sick Pay Bill.
Thursday: Proceedings on the Social Security (Contributions) Bill.
Friday: Christmas recess debates.

House of Lords

Monday: Debates on European Community development aid and on London hospitals.
Tuesday: Local Government (Wales) Bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Debate on the Falklands Investigation.
Thursday: Dog Control and Welfare Bill, second reading.
Friday: Debate on design of banknotes and coins.

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'Corporation should be able to apply for right to raise extra cash by selling advertising'

BBC given backing to continue TV licence fee until 2006

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC should continue to be funded by the television licence fee until 2006, but should also be able to apply to Parliament for the right to take advertising if it wants to raise extra cash before that date, the Commons national heritage select committee has recommended.

The committee has also taken steps towards reinforcing the BBC's independence from Government by recommending that it continues to be governed by a royal charter, this time lasting ten years, rather than an Act of Parliament.

It has also said that the Government should not have the power to stop the BBC broadcasting programmes it disapproves of without Parliament's approval, and that the principle of BBC impartiality should be written into its charter. The committee further suggested that the appointment of the BBC director-general should be the sole responsibility of the corporation's board of governors.

Launching the report, Gerald Kaufman, the committee's chairman, praised the BBC's management for its efforts at modernisation, to improve efficiency and tackle competition from commercial television. He said, however, that the greatest challenges lay ahead.

Mr Kaufman said the world was standing on the threshold of "an extraordinary technological revolution" in which the television set would provide not only an almost unlimited quantity of entertainment through hundreds of channels but would also become, for millions of people, the workplace, the shopping centre and perhaps even the polling booth.

Given such a scenario, which he said could become reality within 15 years, the BBC's forecasts that it would have a 30 per cent share of the television audience by the year 2000 was "wildly optimistic". Eventually, he said, as the BBC's audience share dropped below 10 per cent the principle of funding through a universal licence fee would become untenable.

For the immediate future, however, the committee recommended retaining the licence fee "with great reluctance". Direct advertising was rejected on the grounds that it would harm the profitability and survival of ITV and Channel 4, and making the BBC a subscription service was rejected because it would bear heaviest on the poor. Should the BBC change its opposition to advertising, however, it should be allowed to ask Parliament for the right to sell advertising air time providing



Birt: vindicated by committee's findings

it could prove it was not adversely affecting other broadcasters or abandoning its role as a public-service broadcaster.

By recommending that the new charter lasts for ten years, from the date of the expiry of the BBC's existing charter in 1996, Mr Kaufman said the committee was giving the corporation a period of certainty and security that it should use to find a role and structure that would enable it to compete in future.

The committee's findings represent a vindication for John Birt, the BBC's director-general, who this year has steered the corporation through reforms designed to cut costs and increase efficiency.

Mr Birt welcomed the committee's support for the licence fee and acknowledged its concern about the ability of people on low incomes to pay the £83 annual charge.

The committee asked the BBC to explore ways of helping poorer people to pay the licence fee and of improving its collection. It urged the corporation not to prosecute those who could demonstrate that they had not paid their licence fee through reasons of genuine hardship. It further urged the BBC to explore ways of extending the reach of the licence fee, such as the possibility of introducing a car radio licence, and asked the BBC to report back to it on all the efforts it made in this area.

As a means of reducing the cost of a television licence without diminishing the amount of revenue it raises, the committee also recommends that the Government consider introducing an additional, lower-cost licence for households with more than one set.

The committee also recommended that the present "tangled skein of complaints bodies" for viewers and listeners, which includes the Broadcasting Standards Council, the Broadcasting Complaints Commission and the Radio Authority, should be replaced by a single body. The cross-party committee also rejected suggestions from the commercial radio sector that the BBC be forced to hand over some of its FM radio frequencies to the private sector.

The committee heard evidence from 40 groups of witnesses including Mr Birt and Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman, some ITV companies, advertising representatives and consumer groups. Its report will now be studied by Peter Brooke, the National Heritage Secretary, who is proposing to publish a White Paper on the future of the BBC in March.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Gerald Kaufman, left, and Joe Ashton, a heritage committee member, at yesterday's report press conference

Auntie wins brief stay of execution

BY OUR MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

■ The Heritage Secretary has to define a brave new future for the BBC without upsetting listeners and viewers

THE heritage committee implied in its recommendations to the government yesterday that the BBC should be granted a stay of execution, at least until 2006.

Many in the broadcasting industry believe that the committee's vision of a world with hundreds of television and electronic data services beaming into people's homes and changing the face of British broadcasting will not happen in the timescale MPs envisage. There is little doubt, however, that the television licence fee will not be tenable for ever and that the BBC will have to find alternative sources of finance.

As viewers increasingly watch satellite and cable services, they are likely to resent being forced to pay the licence, even though many will continue to watch BBC channels. During the past seven years opinion polls have shown that nearly three in five people favour replacing the fee with advertising.

The BBC, ITV and Channel 4 have long argued against it, saying there is not enough advertising to go round. In his evidence to the committee, Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, said his channel would not survive if the BBC sold air time.

However, the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers said that it believed there would be sufficient advertising and sponsorship revenue for all. It said that with most satellite and cable services being funded by subscription, there would be more advertising for the terrestrial channels than had been expected.

A separate study into the feasibility of funding BBC Radio 1 entirely by advertisements was commissioned by the Radio Authority and published last month. It estimated that Radio 1 could attract £53 million of advertising in its first year, rising to £74 million after five years. With estimated costs of £40 million a year, the station would make an immediate profit.

However, the report concluded that a commercial Radio 1 would cannibalise existing independent radio services, stealing their revenue and forcing some to close. The heritage committee report suggests that an alternative future for the BBC would be to tie it with ITV, a large publishing house or an international media conglomerate. The main advantage would be its ability to provide quality programmes from its extensive archives.

Under such a scenario the BBC would be forced to change its role from that primarily of a broadcaster to one in which its main function was to supply software or programmes.

To many on the committee such a scenario would be welcome. To many listeners and viewers, however, that vision will cause great concern. Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, in his White Paper to be published next year, now has the task of steering his way towards a solution acceptable to all.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Counsellor on drug charge

A drug counsellor appeared at Driffield magistrates' court yesterday after allegedly trying to smuggle cannabis resin into Britain's first private prison. The Wolds remand centre, in Humberside, is run by Group 4.

Patricia Price, 38, of Bridlington, was arrested by drug squad officers on Wednesday after a search inside the jail. Her case was adjourned.

She is charged with possessing drugs worth £25 with intent to supply.

No prosecution

The Crown Prosecution Service has said there is insufficient evidence for charges after the death in custody of a Zairean asylum seeker in 1991. Omasase Lumumba died while being restrained by officers at Pentonville prison, north London. An inquest recorded a verdict of unlawful killing last July.

Prisoner found

Police yesterday recaptured a prisoner who fled after his guard had taken him to a pub for a drink. Richard Tyres, 23, described as dangerous, disappeared last week in Bournemouth. He was recaptured at Andover, Hampshire, and two other men were arrested.

Weak links

Scotland Yard has recalled 5,000 pairs of handcuffs after nine months because of a plastic link that snaps easily. Kwick Kuffs, which the Metropolitan police are testing as a possible replacement for metal handcuffs, have been sent back for strengthening.

Store stalled

Lord Romsey's application to build a Tesco store at Broadlands, Hampshire, has been rejected by Test Valley Borough Council. Approval would have meant £2 million being spent on repairs at the cash-strapped estate.

Archer to sue

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, best-selling novelist and former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, is to sue for libel over comments made on the BBC's *Kilroy* television programme last week.

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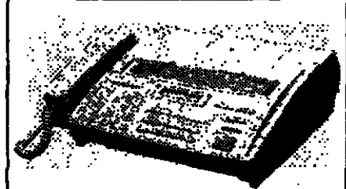
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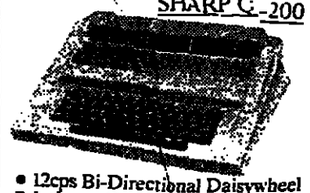
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Yeltsin bars wider Nato but signs EC accord

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

PRESIDENT Yeltsin declared yesterday he remained adamantly opposed to Nato expanding its membership to embrace East European countries.

His opposition came after he signed a joint declaration of partnership and co-operation with the European Community, saying that another Berlin Wall had fallen. He said that the agreement, which expressed EC support for the democratic reforms in Russia, was a demonstration "that Europe is getting rid of the aftermath of the Cold War".

However, the declaration fell short of a planned full trade agreement because of outstanding reservations the EC has concerning the protection of foreign firms and the free flow of capital in Russia. EC officials said that a further problem, the heavy restrictions recently imposed on foreign banks in Russia, could be cleared up in a few days, possibly paving the way to the full agreement.

Later Mr Yeltsin met John Major, the Prime Minister, for talks before attending a dinner with the 12 EC heads of state who are in Brussels for a summit today and tomorrow.



Yelsin: says another Berin Wall has gone

Mr Major emphasised the importance that Britain attached to further progress in the economic and political reforms in Russia.

Although the Russian leader did not go so far as to claim a right of veto over Nato membership, his unambiguous statement underlined the alliance's dilemma. Mr Yeltsin confirmed his disapproval of Nato expansion in a meeting with Manfred Wörner, Nato Secretary-General, during his visit to Brussels, three days before parliamentary elections in Russia.

Meeting for breakfast at Château de Stuyvenberg, in the grounds of King Albert of Belgium's palace at Laeken, Mr Yeltsin is understood to have told Herr Wörner that the inclusion of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in Nato would be unacceptable to Moscow.

Herr Wörner returned to Nato headquarters to report back to alliance defence ministers, who had assembled meeting to discuss, among other things, closer relations with former Warsaw Pact countries, including Russia. Herr Wörner said he had had an encouraging meeting with Mr Yeltsin. But Russian officials gave the impression that Mr Yeltsin would not budge over the issue of Nato expansion.

The ministers also heard from Les Aspin, the American Defence Secretary, his plans for countering the risk posed by the spread of weapons of mass destruction to "rogue or terrorist states". Mr Aspin issued a warning of nuclear weapons being smuggled into the wrong hands "like marijuana". He said he expected the alliance heads of government summit in Brussels next month to order a full study of the new threat.



Soldiers carrying a ballot box, still bearing the symbol of the Soviet Union, into a polling station being set up yesterday at a military establishment near Moscow. Russians vote in Sunday's poll on a new system of government

Champagne reformists give voters free pies and half-baked ideas

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN TVER, RUSSIA

RUSSIAN ELECTION

CHAMPAGNE socialism, scorned as the prerogative of Western fellow travellers, has finally reached the Russian provinces, thanks to one small party which has decided that electioneering goes down better with the older voter when accompanied by a drop of bubbly.

Yuri Tyulin, who is standing for the Alliance for Dignity and Charity in the city of Tver, 100 miles north of Moscow, is dispensing a bottle of Russian *Shampanskoye* for 1,000 roubles (75p), a third of the retail price, to 40,000 pensioners and veterans. "The new year is coming up and everyone should have a bottle to celebrate it, however stretched their budgets," said Mr Tyulin, a former army officer.

The alliance, nicknamed "Grandads' Party", describes itself as "the home for small boats in a big river which in the turbulent stream of life today are unable to find a mooring". It is out to capture votes from those Russians who feel that the prosperity promised by the reformers is passing them by — the elderly, retired soldiers, unemployed and disabled.

By far the politest and least effective of the contenders, the movement's programme is difficult to determine. "We are not very political," admitted Mr Tyulin. "A lot of us were Communist Party members, but we don't like the aggressive stance of that bunch today. We are pro-reform but stand up for the interests of those who are suffering in the process and against factory closures."

There is a refreshingly home-baked air about his campaign. Voters who pop into the office to enquire about the bloc's platform are given a hot pie by Mr Tyulin's wife, Galina, and told to wrap up well against the cold as they leave. They can buy apples and cakes on the way out. "This is a society where people are used to being looked after, and since the changes they feel that no one cares about their basic needs," said Mr Tyulin.

He steadfastly refuses to rubbish his opponents in Tver, the name of which was changed by the Communists to Kalinin in honour of the early Bolshevik who established Soviet rule in Central Asia and was President until 1946. "If there is one thing history should have taught us here, it is that conflict brings destruction and unhappiness," Mr Tyulin added. "I don't understand why politicians can't co-operate like normal human beings."

But like many provincial industrial centres, the city faces hard choices which no amount of cheap champagne or goodwill can blurr. Many factories have had to introduce shorter hours to survive and the region is unable to house military personel who have returned from Eastern Europe and the Baltics.

"People laugh at us as the pensioners' party," said Mr Tyulin. "but we will have more and more 'pensioners' in this country in their thirties and forties, and they deserve a voice."

He denies that the lure of champagne and bargain shopping is a cheap tactic to lure votes: pork-barrel politics is ingrained in the provinces and few people object to an unexpected treat. "I'd rather go home with a parcel in my hand than an earful of promises," said one old woman.

During the sham elections of the Soviet era, local candidates offered cheap groceries and vodka for sale on polling day to encourage voters to turn out early, so that they could achieve an apparently enthusiastic participation level by lunchtime. This year the Communists' reduced budget means that they are offering only butter and tea to people who turn out for hustings in the villages, while one independent businessman standing in the town of Lytkarino, south of Moscow, has helped get his message across by offering to fund an extra bus route, an aviation museum and restore half a dozen churches.

Moscow: President Yeltsin urged voters yesterday to approve a draft constitution giving him strong executive powers, warning that the country faced civil war unless the charter was adopted. He said when he cracked down on a parliamentary revolt in October, "civil war ... had entered our home". *(AFP)*



Hopes fade for peace in Bosnia

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE threat of mass starvation in Bosnia this winter increased yesterday when the Muslim-led government effectively halted the peace process.

The Muslim side said it would take no further part in negotiations unless Serbs promised to give back land they have conquered and abandon an attempt to make Sarajevo a divided city — concessions the Serbs are unlikely to make.

Talks planned to be held in Salonika, Greece, on Sunday between Serbs, Croats and Muslims as part of the Geneva negotiations have now been abandoned. Lower level discussions in the Bosnian capital have also been scrapped. The latest collapse of efforts to end the fighting was announced in London by Mohamed Sacirbey, Bosnian envoy to the United Nations.

The demise of the plagued peace talks bodes badly for the survival chances of an already weak population. The fate of civilians will be doubly perilous if Western aid is reduced next year. Many Western countries, including Britain, have indicated that they cannot continue to bear the huge financial and human cost of providing and protecting aid convoys with no peace deal on the horizon.

☐ **Sarajevo:** Four people were killed and four wounded when three mortar bombs hit a busy market in a Sarajevo suburb yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Sociologist emerges from grotto

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

AN Italian sociologist yesterday completed 365 days in a cave 80 ft below the ground, ending a bizarre experiment during which he saw and spoke to no one and survived on 13 types of food pill.

Maurizio Montalbini, 40, was to come to the surface last night after his record sojourn in a specially-equipped grotto laboratory near the eastern city of Pesaro. The only human contact the hermit allowed himself was communication with his wife, Antonella, by computer.

Making do without clocks and calendars was part of the experiment and he soon lost his sense of time. "Until Tuesday when I was suddenly told the experiment was ending, I thought it was the month of June," he said in a press conference by computer. "Therefore, I wasn't even able to celebrate my birthday in September. I am a year older and I didn't notice."

"I didn't feel anything was lacking and lived in the company of the affection, memories and dreams that help me to live the rest of the time. I certainly lost nothing in the year and acquired a lot, including the capacity to think before acting."

He added: "I thought about speaking several times but without feeling any need for it. I never talked to myself audibly. A few times I played the harmonica and hummed tunes but the result was not very pleasant — almost an intrusion in the grotto."



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Assad's peace overture wins meeting with Clinton as Israel prepares partial withdrawal

Christopher lures Syria and Lebanon back to talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN AMMAN AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WARREN Christopher, the American Secretary of State, yesterday claimed a breakthrough in the Middle East peace process when he succeeded in enticing Syria and Lebanon back to the negotiating table with Israel.

Speaking in Damascus, the American envoy added that President Clinton will meet President Assad of Syria in Geneva next month, in what was regarded as a reward to the Syrian leader for agreeing to resume dialogue with the Israelis.

"With a resumption of negotiations in January, I believe that genuine progress can also be made on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks," Mr Christopher said. He described the mini-summit as "a vital cornerstone in our efforts to build a comprehensive, just and lasting peace".

According to Mr Christopher, the heads of the Israeli and Syrian delegations will meet in Washington in the first week of next month, the Geneva summit will take place in mid-January, and full talks will then resume by the beginning of February.

The move was seen as the latest softening of Syria's position towards Israel, after Damascus unilaterally offered to help locate seven Israeli soldiers missing in Lebanon and agreed to let hundreds of Syrian Jews emigrate by the end of this month. In return, America eased its economic sanctions against Damascus and allowed Syria to acquire three ageing passenger planes from Kuwait. Nevertheless, there were still lingering doubts about the depth of the change of heart in Damascus and whether it would make any real difference on the ground.

Although bringing Syria back to the negotiating table might help improve the atmosphere in the region, it is not clear that Damascus will be in a generous mood when it resumes talks with Israel. The two sides have failed to make any headway in their negotiations for a land for peace agreement over the Golan Heights, captured and occupied by Israel in 1967.

The White House defended President Clinton's decision to meet President Assad. The announcement was awkward because Syria is on the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism and the subject of American sanctions. However, Mr Clinton was largely protected from partisan criticism as President Bush also held a meeting with President Assad in Geneva in 1990 when America urgently required Syrian support for Operation Desert Storm.

Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman, said Mr Clinton had met the leaders of Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organisation — the other parties to the Middle East peace talks — and called the Assad meeting "part of our overall effort toward a comprehensive peace in the region".



Relatives and friends of Khamis Abu Awad, 52, an Arab farmer who was shot dead yesterday by an Israeli settler, mourning at his home in Turmus Ayya, in the occupied West Bank. Escalating violence in Israel and the occupied territories threatens to derail the peace process

Arab farmer killed by settlers

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

AN ESCALATION of violence continued in the occupied territories yesterday as Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, met in Spain in an attempt to push forward implementation of the Israeli-Palestinian peace deal. Near the West Bank town of Ramallah, Jewish settlers shot dead an Arab farmer after he refused to leave a field he was working, Arab witnesses said. Police arrested a resident of the northern West Bank Shiloh settlement in connection with the killing, Israel radio reported.

In the Gaza Strip, two Arabs stabbed and lightly wounded an Israeli woman at the Katif Jewish settlement, settlers said. Shops were shuttered throughout the occupied territories in a general strike to mark the sixth anniversary of the intifada.

In Granada, Spain, Mr Peres said both sides were intent on starting implementation of the peace agreement on Monday. "We don't want to leave the door open to those who want to destroy the peace process," he said at the start of a United Nations conference on Middle East peace.

Negotiators from the two sides remain far apart over the extent of Israeli army withdrawal in the Gaza Strip and town of Jericho, prisoner releases, and control of border crossings. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr Arafat are due to meet in Cairo on Sunday to try to to iron out differences, Palestinian diplomats said.

Hardliners on both sides have stepped up violence leaving 35 Palestinians and 18 Israelis dead since the peace agreement on September 13.

Generals meet on frontier bridge

BY RICHARD BEESTON AT THE ALLENBY BRIDGE AND BEN LYNFIELD

ISRAELI and Palestinian military officers yesterday made a last-ditch attempt to reach an agreement on the start of a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied territories.

In an unscheduled meeting, witnessed by a Times correspondent, several senior Palestinian officers in uniform crossed over the Jordan river into the West Bank where they were met by Israeli commanders, including Major General Danny Rothschild the head of the Israeli civil administration.

In Tel Aviv last night, the Defence Ministry said that no Palestinian officers had crossed the bridge into the West Bank. Major General Rothschild "has not left his office all day".

The historic event was the first formal encounter by military officers from the two sides since they fought over the area in 1967. Although the officers greeted each other in a genial manner, the erstwhile enemies were nevertheless accompanied by two UN military observers, one an American, the other French.

The Palestinians were driven off in a heavily guarded convoy of Israeli military vehicles for a tour of the West Bank, which was expected to focus on the town of Jericho. The town is supposed to be handed over to Palestinian authorities on Monday. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, are meeting in Cairo on Sunday.

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Algerian militants gun down eight members of elite squad

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

THE collapse of law and order in Algeria, the second most populous Arab state, loomed closer yesterday with the disclosure that Islamic militants had killed eight men in an elite anti-terrorist force.

The attack was on a unit known as "Ninjas", because they wear black masks to avoid recognition. It dented the reputation of the one group under the control of the Algerian authorities thought capable of putting down an insurgency that has claimed 3,000 lives since elections were aborted in January, 1992.

The killings increased the anxiety of a foreign community which has now become the main target for Muslim fundamentalists. Four foreigners, including Malcolm Vincent, a British computer technician, have been murdered since the December 1 deadline given by the extremists for 100,000 expatriates to leave the country or face death.

Diplomatic reports yesterday said that thousands more foreigners were joining the exodus of those who have already left. Many of the 350 foreign companies considered vital to Algeria's ailing economy have begun scaling back their activities.

The campaign to target foreigners follows a government decision to liberalise investment laws in order to attract outside capital in a new bid to cut the foreign debt. This absorbs more than 80 per cent of Algeria's foreign income, virtually all of which is derived from oil products.

Reporting the ambush, the Algiers press said it had happened as the police were on crowd control duty at a semolina queue in the suburb of Sidi-Moussa on Wednesday. One paper reported that about ten gunmen opened fire as the police attempted to keep order. Riots over shortages of staple products, notably semolina, which is the basis of the national dish couscous, have been the cause of serious unrest in Algeria before.

The ambush, which caused panic among the crowd, injured a ninth policeman and two civilians. The attackers, presumed to be members of the Armed Islamic Movement, seized the elite squad's firearms before escaping.

News of the attack was released hours after Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, said that France would not bow to pressure and withdraw its nationals.

☐ **Cairo:** Egyptian police arrested 15 suspected Muslim militants who were planning to assassinate public figures and security personnel, an Interior Ministry statement said. The men, calling themselves the Assassinations Group, were rounded up after one member was arrested for trying to shoot a policeman, the statement said *(Reuter)*

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'Gun violence is tearing the heart out of our country'

Clinton declares all-out war on firearms lobby

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ A crackdown on gun sales and owners and stop-and-search powers for police are planned. With 200 million weapons in circulation, it will have no immediate impact

WITH America horrified by the massacre on Tuesday on a New York commuter train, President Clinton yesterday launched a drive for tough new gun controls that appears to enjoy overwhelming public support.

Breaking sharply with Presidents Reagan and Bush, who generally supported the gun lobby, Mr Clinton said that it was time to stand up to the National Rifle Association and "consider a lot of things we have not in the past" to confront the violence that is "tearing the heart out of our country".

He ordered the Justice Department to study a range of radical restrictions, including a national gun licensing system. He also met 35 big-city mayors and police chiefs to hear what he called a "cry for help from the front lines".

Jerry Abramson, mayor of Louisville, said: "People in our cities are demanding action." He and his colleagues presented Mr Clinton with a report demanding immediate action on a comprehensive gun control package. Ruben Ortega, Salt Lake City's police chief, said that "distress to the system had reached the level of utter dismay and fear".

Handgun Control, the pressure group that last month enjoyed a big symbolic victory by winning congressional approval of the so-called Brady Bill, unveiled a far more radical package of restrictions that will be presented to Congress when it reconvenes next month.



Freeh: demanded ban on assault weapons

Louis Freeh, the FBI director, for the first time demanded a ban on assault weapons, saying they served only "to provide a source of strength and power to America's criminal elements". The American Medical Association, meeting in New Orleans, issued a sweeping statement calling for new restrictions on gun sales and ownership. A *Los Angeles Times* poll showed a remarkable 64 per cent of Americans favoured tougher gun laws — proof of Mr Clinton's contention that there has been a "sea change in public attitude" towards firearms.

Calling Tuesday's massacre a "terrible human tragedy", the President said he was "convinced that most Americans now understand how profoundly important these crime and violence issues are, and how it is time to face them."

Responding to suggestions from the mayors of New York and Los Angeles, Mr Clinton has asked Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, to study the idea of a national handgun registration, licensing and training system even though the association insists that would violate the constitutional right to bear arms. He said he was open to a host of new ideas such as banning ammunition clips carrying 15 bullets similar to the one used in Tuesday's shootings, strengthened police powers to stop and search anyone suspected of carrying guns and amnesties for illegal gun owners.

The Brady Bill imposed a modest five-day waiting period for handgun purchases, but having shattered the myth of the association's invincibility, Handgun Control is demanding the licensing of gun owners, a ban on automatic and semi-automatic weapons, hefty new taxes on guns and ammunition and the right of victims to sue gun dealers.

Citing the New York massacre, Charles Schumer, the New York Democrat who will introduce the legislation, challenged the association: "Don't you dare tell me that we don't need any more laws."

Even the most stringent new measures would have little immediate impact on violent crime in America, however, as there are more than 200 million guns in circulation.

☐ *Water risk:* America's capital, already besieged by guns, drugs and urban blight, suffered a new indignity when a million people were warned that the water was undrinkable (Ian Brodie writes).

Residents and workers in Washington and suburbs in Virginia near by reacted with alarm to the emergency alert that heavy rains had overwhelmed the filtration system and that all water should be boiled. Officials said particles suspended in the water were making it cloudy and were a sign that the supply might be contaminated by a parasite that can cause serious intestinal illness. Queues for bottled water built up.



Chelsea Clinton at a dress rehearsal for the Washington Ballet production of *The Nutcracker*, in which she has the role of the Favourite Aunt. The President's daughter is making her first ballet appearance since moving to the White House

Boost for Nasa in Hubble triumph

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE five space walks to repair the Hubble space telescope and Nasa's flagging reputation ended yesterday with the triumphal unfurling of the craft's huge solar arrays.

Astronauts plan to release the space observatory, designed to peer to the edges of the Universe, early this morning.

Story Musgrave and Jeff Hofman made the missions's longest space walk of seven hours and 21 minutes, working to unravel the 40ft panels which turn sunlight into electricity to power Hubble. Motors, which should have helped unwind the two arrays like window blinds, failed and the two astronauts were forced to tug them open before they dropped slowly into place.

The mission, which has gone so well that ground controllers plan to bring back Endeavour a day early on Sunday, has set several records, including the record number of American space walks. No previous Nasa mission had involved more than four space walks.

Nasa spent $629 million (£422 million) on the repair mission, the first of several planned service calls for Hubble.

Jacksons renew family feuding

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ONE of the world's most public dysfunctional families put on a fresh display of public feuding this week when LaToya Jackson accused her brother, pop star Michael Jackson, of child molestation, and the rest of the Jackson clan accused her of lying.

Police in Los Angeles are investigating allegations that Michael Jackson sexually abused a 13-year-old boy and at a midnight press conference in Tel Aviv on Wednesday his estranged sister proclaimed that the charges were true.



LaToya Jackson: accused Michael of child abuse

"I cannot and will not be a silent collaborator of his crimes against small children," said LaToya, who is in Israel on a private visit. "I just think Michael needs help," she added.

Later, in a television interview, she added that her mother often accused Michael of being "a damned faggot" and that the family made payments to parents of young boys who stayed with him.

Michael Jackson, 35, is currently being treated for his addiction to pain-killers.

The Jackson family immediately denied LaToya's statements. "I'll tell her to her face that she's lying," said her mother, Katherine Jackson, adding that her son was not trying to evade prosecution and would eventually return to America.

The family claims that LaToya has been brainwashed by Jack Gordon, her husband and manager. LaToya and Mr Gordon, in turn, insist that that other members of the family are supporting Michael because they fear being cut off from his fortune.

$1m added to Sommer winnings

FROM REUTER IN LOS ANGELES

A JURY has awarded Elke Sommer, the German-born actress, another $1.3 million (£866 million) in damages to go with the $2 million she was granted earlier in her libel suit against Zsa Zsa Gabor and her husband.

Gabor, accused of telling a German magazine in 1990 that Sommer was broke, balding and frequented sleazy bars, angrily declared: "I'd rather see her starve before I give her one single dollar". Gabor, no stranger to legal troubles after she was convicted several years ago for slapping a Beverly Hills police officer, said she would move to England if one more case went against her.

Sommer, 53, testified that remarks by Gabor and her husband, Frederick von Anhalt, libelled her and caused her to suffer sleepless nights, headaches and nausea. In the latest ruling on Wednesday, jurors added punitive damages of $450,000 from the Hungarian-born former beauty queen and $850,000 from her husband.

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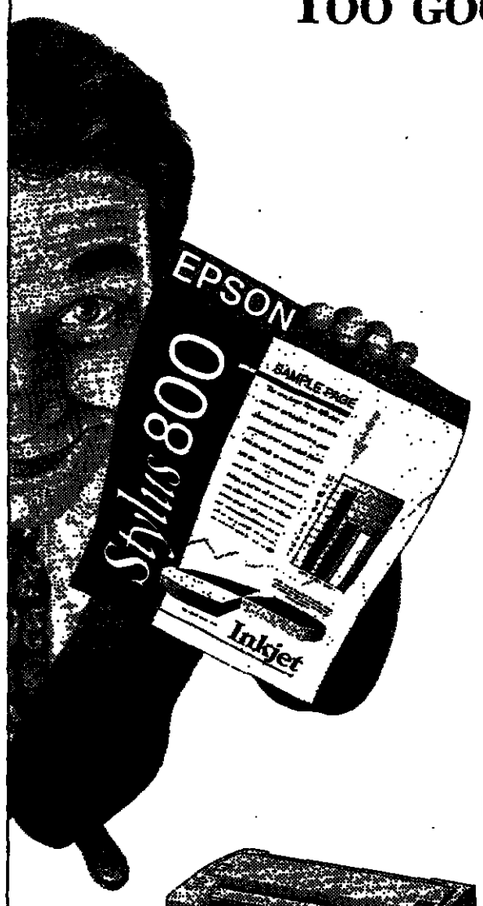
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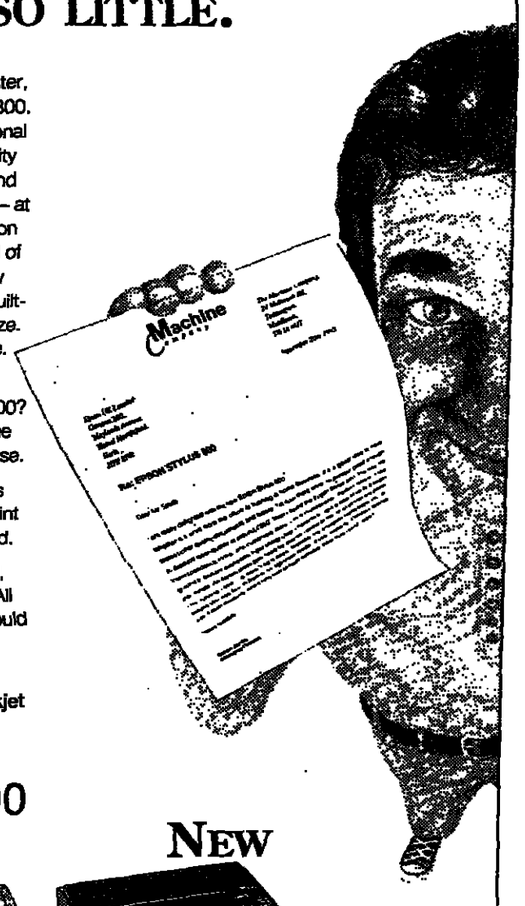
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Zulu police face enquiry on anti-ANC death squads

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africa's new ruling council served notice yesterday of its intention to tackle township policing.

The Transitional Executive Council, at its second meeting, demanded a series of reports on the activities of "hit squads" of the KwaZulu police. The council, in which blacks for the first time are given an executive role in government, also ordered a meeting with South African police officials to propose the withdrawal of the Internal Stability Department's riot police from black townships east of Johannesburg and north of Durban.

A further resolution insisted on adequate policing by the South African police, and not the KwaZulu police, of an area in northern Natal where African National Congress houses have been set on fire and members attacked. According to Cyril Ramaphosa, secretary-general of the ANC, KwaZulu police stood by and watched while his members' houses were burnt down.

Mr Ramaphosa also insisted that the residents of the townships on the East Rand and in the Bhambayi area of Natal believed that the riot police units were deliberately attacking them, and would rather have army units policing them.

None of the resolutions was opposed by Roelf Meyer, the Constitutional Development Minister and the government representative at the council meeting. Mr Meyer and Mr Ramaphosa were nominated as a council delegation to meet police officials over the withdrawal of the riot police.

In one more example of the new authority flexing its muscles, the council called on the government of Bophuthatswana to allow a celebration of Human Rights Day today on its territory.

The governments of the black homelands of KwaZulu and Bophuthatswana are both boycotting the council. Yesterday's resolutions mark the first steps towards a possible open breach between the new South Africa and the old apartheid structures.

The resolution on the KwaZulu police hit squads arose from a report by the commission of enquiry under Justice Richard Goldstone into public violence, published on Wednesday. The report says that the commission has evidence that a hit squad of members of the KwaZulu police "has been responsible during 1992 and 1993 for the murder of no fewer than nine people, including leaders and members of the ANC". The council demanded a report from the KwaZulu police in three days.

While the council began to test its strength, the Freedom Alliance, in which the governments of Bophuthatswana and KwaZulu are allied with white organisations of the far right, met in Ulundi, the KwaZulu capital, to decide its next steps in talks with the government and the ANC over the constitutional future of the country.

Comeback is condemned

Johannesburg: The triumphant political comeback by Winnie Mandela, who has been elected president of the African National Congress's Women's League, was seen yesterday by the senior hierarchy of the ANC as a serious miscalculation (Ray Kennedy writes).

The ruling National Party said her election was "proof of the militant factions taking control of key positions in the ANC".



Somali National Alliance supporters loyal to General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the local warlord, marching in Mogadishu yesterday at a rally to mark the first anniversary of the arrival of US troops. Now the job of famine relief is over, the Americans are anxious to go home

Ivorian rival for power bows out

FROM THALIA GRIFFITHS IN ABIDJAN

IVORY Coast's new leader, President Bedie, strengthened his hold on power on yesterday with the resignation of his rival, Alassane Ouattara, the Prime Minister.

Mr Ouattara's departure left the field open for Mr Bedie, the constitutional successor to President Houphouët-Boigny, who died on Monday aged 88. France, the former colonial power in the West African country, strongly backed Mr Bedie.

But premature statements from Paris on Tuesday referring to Mr Bedie as head of state angered many Ivorians and drew a tirade from the main opposition newspaper.

The President named an eight-member personal cabinet led by Yao Kouassi as Secretary-General of the presidency. Mr Bedie, the legal successor as parliamentary Speaker, did not wait for a formal handover presided over by the supreme court. He rushed to state television on Tuesday with a heavy guard of gendarmerie commandos and said he had taken over with immediate effect. His peremptory tone shocked ordinary Ivorians.

A claim on Wednesday, by sources close to Mr Ouattara, that army chiefs had declared their loyalty to the Prime Minister and his outgoing government was denied on Thursday. "The heads of the Ivorian armed forces support constitutional legality," Leon Konan Koffi, the Defence Minister, said.

Mr Ouattara's resignation had been expected since the death of Houphouët-Boigny, Africa's longest-serving leader, who named him Prime Minister in November 1990.

The head of Houphouët-Boigny's ruling Democratic Party (PDCI) indicated support for Mr Bedie on Wednesday in a television broadcast.

Hospital workers and university teachers returned to work yesterday, calling off pay strikes as a mark of respect for the late President.

No date has been set for the funeral. (Reuter)

Explosion of tribal violence claims 150,000 lives in a single week after failed coup

Burundi bloodshed turns Eden into Hades

FROM SAM KILEY IN MBUYE, CENTRAL BURUNDI

Gentle hills quilted deep red and green by cultivation stretch as far as the eye can see from Mbuye, a village in the heart of a country blessed with fertile soils and abundant rain. Until seven weeks ago it was an Eden, but after a wave of unparalleled ethnic violence, which pitted brother against brother, it has been turned into a Hades of burnt buildings and rotting bodies.

Anatole Mbanzi, 56, his wife, a nurse, four dysentery patients, and his three children are now the only people left in the village. The others fled or were murdered in an orgy of violence organised by his younger brother.

The brother, whom Mr Mbanzi refused to name, had been the principal of the local college. But on October 21 — when President Ndadaye, Burundi's first democratically elected head of state and a member of the Hutu tribe, was killed three months after his election in a failed military putsch led by Tutsis — the headmaster turned into the leader of a murderous rampage. "The rule was kill Tutsis or be killed. I am married to a Tutsi woman and many of them are my friends and neighbours, so I did not join in the revenge of the President," said Mr Mbanzi, who was beaten unconscious and woke to find that he had been slashed across the stomach with machetes. "I was lucky, they thought I was dead," he said.

In the nearby refugee camp, Tutsis cower behind razor wire under the protection of the army because Hutus continue to loot and kill at night. David Ndikama, 45, who lived close to Mbuye, said that 36 members of his family, including his three children, had been killed in a few hours.

His wife, who was heavily pregnant, was disembowelled. "I don't understand what happened. These people were my friends, neighbours. We shared beer and food together," said Mr Ndikama.

But Christophe Muhigira, programme co-ordinator for ActionAid, the British charity, who survived ten days of killings in Ruyigi province on the Tanzanian border, accused the educated middle classes of inciting the violence.

"All over the country we could see the hidden hand of the civil servants, local businessmen, the educated people organising crowds of young people and ignorant peasants into killing mobs. The Hutu were told: 'They [the Tutsi] have killed the President. Kill them before they kill you.' So people were terrified and they did. Those who refused were also killed. Then the army came and took revenge," he said.

According to surviving members of the government, which has been paralysed by the bloodletting, at least 150,000 people were killed in one week in Burundi.

The United Nations estimates that more than 700,000 (a sixth of the population) have fled the country to neighbouring Tanzania, Zaire and Rwanda. A further 208,000 have been forced to move within the country. Since independence from Belgium in 1962, Burundi and Rwanda have been regularly rocked by ethnic strife between the Hutu, who make up 80 per cent of the population of both countries, and the minority Tutsi who were promoted into an elite during the colonial administration. The last tribal massacres, in 1972, left 150,000 dead in Burundi.



The killings continue. Two days ago three soldiers in Kirundo province were killed by arrows in an attack by Hutu. Aid officials said that countless Hutu were killed in revenge. Elsewhere revenge killings of Hutu by the army are reported every day. ActionAid described the horrors in Burundi as potentially as bad as Somalia and Angola. But calls for international intervention have been ignored since the débâcle of the United Nations and American intervention in Somalia.

The Organisation of African Unity has set aside 180 troops for Burundi as observers, and the French have lent 15 gendarmes to protect the Burundi Cabinet members.

☐ Rome: Food production prospects in war-ravaged Angola have improved, but additional food donations will be needed next year, the UN said yesterday. The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) estimated that two million Angolans will need about 178,100 tonnes of food during the first six months of next year.

"Children are dying of starvation in the besieged cities of Malange, Kuito, Menongue and also in Huambo," the report said. "But in areas spared by fighting, peasants who have seeds are planting. It is raining and the crops look good." (Reuter)

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Seen from the Namib, the coast is an endless glowing band of pearly white fog, and the region's only town, Swakopmund, is perpetually soaked by it. The street names recall the glory days of Germany's short-lived African empire and every evening they play oompah music in the bar of the gloomily Teutonic Hansa Hotel.

There are other traces of Kaiser Wilhelm's era in Windhoek, where Herero women attend century-old Lutheran churches in full ankle-length skirts, multicoloured layers of shawls and elaborate turban-like headgear inspired by the garb of nineteenth century German missionary wives.

No settlers have made much of a mark on the empty badlands of southern Namibia, where the dunes of the southern Namib meet the great abyss of the Fish River Canyon. Only the Grand Canyon is longer and deeper than this 161km long, 550m deep chasm. But unlike the Grand Canyon, Fish River has no souvenir stalls, no lines of tour coaches, motor lodges or sightseeing aircraft buzzing overhead. It is still one of the great empty places of Africa.

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North Korea defies Clinton as economic ills multiply

Strong American warnings to North Korea over its stubborn tactics on nuclear site inspections have heightened tensions in South Korea and stirred unease in Japan

BY DAVID WATTS IN LONDON AND JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

DESPITE a collapsing economy, North Korea signalled to America yesterday that there will be no further talks on access to its nuclear facilities unless its latest offer is accepted.

Telling Washington to approach the offer "prudently", President Kim Il Sung's regime said there would be no improvement on the offer to open a number of non-controversial nuclear sites because of the "low level of confidence" between the two countries. North Korea still refuses to open for inspection the key suspect site at Yongbyon.

In the perverse logic of the North — in which its belligerence increases with its desperation — the statement comes



after the first official North Korean admission of the dire state of its economy and a series of personnel changes which reflect increasing nervousness in Pyongyang.

Most striking is the surprise re-emergence of Kim Yong Ju, President Kim's younger brother, from 18 years in the political wilderness. He was elected to the Politburo and central committee in a confusing signal which could mean not only that Kim Jong Il, son of the "Great Leader," is losing favour as his anointed successor but that the political fissures within the first family are becoming more acute. President Kim's wife is believed to oppose any role for his younger brother.

The extent of the economic disaster became clear after a meeting of the central committee under President Kim. Removing Kim Dal Hyon, the key economic policy-maker, as State Planning Commission chairman, and the man who been responsible for the cautious open-door policy, the gathering cast aside the usual pretence that all is well in the "people's paradise" and issued a blunt communiqué. Pyongyang claims economic growth rates averaging 5.6 per cent in recent years, but in reality it is believed the economy has shrunk for three years. The statement exposed the failure of huge sections of the economy, with industrial output sagging, power and steel production poor, and serious problems in farming.

The leadership ordered up to three years of economic readjustment during which priority must be given to boosting agriculture, light industry and foreign trade. "This has not only caused serious damage to our economic construction, but has also made it inevitable to adjust the pace and balance of our overall economic development and made it impossible to fulfil the third seven-year plan as scheduled," the statement said. It was an unprecedented public acknowledgement of the hardships of ordinary people, who are reported to be suffering food and power shortages.

The South Koreans are keen to go slow on threatened UN sanctions, for fear of provoking the final collapse of the regime. President Clinton's warning that North Korea's refusal to allow full outside inspections of its nuclear facilities could turn into "a full-blown crisis", have been received with dismay by Japanese diplomats and leaders. They fear that America could be provoked into taking ill-conceived military or economic initiatives in North Korea which could trigger recriminations, threatening Japan.



More than 5,000 farmers shouting slogans as they marched through Tokyo yesterday to protest against plans to import rice. Under the Gatt proposals, Japan would not be permitted to impose bans on rice imports and it is seeking a compromise of taxing imports for six years

Rebel group offers to talk peace with Rangoon

FROM SUTIN WANNABOVORN IN BANGKOK

BURMA'S biggest rebel group said yesterday that plans to hold peace negotiations with the country's military rulers to end nearly half a century of fighting were moving forward and talks could begin soon.

Em Martha, spokesman for the Karen National Union (KNU), a Christian opposition group, said the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slorc) had received a letter from the rebel umbrella organisation, the Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB), seeking a formal invitiation to begin talks.

"Slorc has received our letter and we hope that they will reply soon, because we really want to go to these peace talks," Mr Em said in a telephone interview. The letter was signed by General Saw Bo Mya, the Karen leader, who is chairman of the DAB. Khin Nyunt, secretary of Slorc and Burma's intelligence chief, has in the past two months offered peace talks to rebel groups.

"At this point we do not demand anything. We want them to answer officially," Mr Em said. "Then we can begin." The letter asks Slorc "to make a response for a clearer understanding of its position".

Many of the rebel groups have been fighting for autonomy from Rangoon virtually from the time Burma won its independence from British colonial rule in 1948. At least four of the armed rebel organisations have reached peace agreements with Slorc. The DAB was founded in 1988 and is now dominated by the KNU. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Singapore leaks trial must go on

Singapore: The judge trying five economists and journalists for breaching Singapore's Official Secrets Act rejected defence calls for acquittal and ruled that the state had a case against them. The defence may now call witnesses.

Judge Richard Magnus told the court the prosecution had made out prima facie cases against the five on charges of leaking an official economic growth estimate, resulting in its publication. *(Reuter)*

General held

Hong Kong: A Thai army general appeared in court here charged with drug trafficking and conspiracy to import heroin into America. Officials in the United States are seeking his extradition. *(Reuter)*

Mixed blessing

Hong Kong: A depressed schoolboy who leapt 15 storeys survived when a tin roof broke his fall. Police then discovered his brother from China had overstayed his visa and arrested him pending deportation. *(Reuter)*

Patten hits back at China policy critic

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

The attack on British policy in Hong Kong by Sir Percy Cradock, the former ambassador to Peking, was rejected yesterday by Chris Patten, the Governor.

Sir Percy, who has been increasingly critical of the reverse in policy from that of accommodation with Peking which he had helped form, made his strongest criticism yet to the Commons select committe on foreign affairs on Wednesday, giving a warning that Mr Patten's policies would provoke disastrous retaliation from the Chinese. He was joined in his attack by Sir Richard Evans and Sir Alan Donald, two other former ambassadors to China.

Mr Patten said the voice of Hong Kong was clear, as was the voice of the House of Commons, where members support the current policy, in contrast to what he referred to as "retired officials". The Governor insisted that he speaks up for Hong Kong and that next month he, too, would testify to the select committee.

Sir Percy, Sir Richard, and Sir Alan all emphasised the importance of confidential dealing with Peking. To this Mr Patten replied "I don't think you can treat a community like Hong Kong in 'a hole in the corner' way." Hong Kong's citizens, he said, were not irresponsible children who could not be trusted.

As to Sir Percy's warning that Peking would launch a damaging attack on Hong Kong, installing its own government in 1997 and hindering economic progress, the Governor praised a statement yesterday by Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, hoping for a smooth transition to 1997. "There's plenty on which we can agree," said Mr Patten, "plenty on which we must co-operate." In a reference to Sir Percy's advice not to affront Peking, the Governor declined to "do whatever Chinese officials tell you to do".

However, Mr Qian told a meeting of China's new preparatory committee for Hong Kong that Peking must speed up its own planning for the 1997 transition. With or without Britain, he said, Hong Kong was soon to return to the arms of the motherland.

Peking yesterday gave the strongest official indication to date that they might return to the negotiating table if Mr Patten delayed his plan to submit a partial electoral reform bill to Hong Kong's legislature this month.

"The Chinese side has always hoped to settle the issue of the 1994-95 election arrangements in Hong Kong through negotiations," said Wu Jianmin, a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

"That the talks have broken down and cannot go on is entirely the fault of the British side. To resume them, the British side should change its course and correct its errors which have led to the breakdown of talks."

Mr Patten was supported by Anson Chan, the new Chief Secretary and Deputy Governor, who said yesterday that, while some of those testifying to the select committee wanted the best for the colony, "of course, we in Hong kong also have a view on what is best for Hong Kong".

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An apple a day keeps the bank at bay

Take a big bite for Britain

I SOLEMNLY swear I shall never again let a foreign apple pass my lips between August and the end of April. After listening to the woes of the English apple growers, I know that a French Golden Delicious or a Chilean Granny Smith — pretty tasteless at the best of times — would turn to ashes in my mouth. And as for apples, so for mushrooms and the whole gamut of British-grown produce. *Please join me, ladies and gentlemen, in the foodie-xenophobic crusade that is, I am certain, the only way the green and pleasant bits of this land have a chance of surviving the dratted Gatt.*

So much official propaganda have we had about the despicable *chien*-in-the-manger attitude of the French farmers, spoiling the free trade fun for the rest of us, that the average punter could be forgiven for thinking French farmers are the only ones with anything to worry about. Well, let me tell you the apple story, the 1993, pre-Gatt apple story, and you can judge for yourselves.



MARGOT NORMAN

A cousin of mine, a small Somerset grower, rang me up in a fine old lather after a deeply gloomy meeting of local growers, several of whom, after two years of bumper crops and rock bottom prices, are now nose-to-nose with the wall. They had been swopping dismal tales: reported sightings of Kentish Cox's being flogged at 5p a pound, an average retail price of 38p to 49p (compared with 75p three seasons ago). The boss of Home Grown Fruits, the biggest of the growers' co-operatives, wringing his hands because the growers had unaccountably miscalculated and landed him with twice as many apples to shift this year as he was expecting, and how come the research boys still hadn't come up with a way to store Cox's so that they don't deteriorate? Nasty, tasteless but cheap foreign apples everywhere, and yet you can't buy an English apple in France or Germany for love or money . . .

In short, who's to blame and what's to do? By telephone I rounded up the usual suspects — supermarkets, wholesalers, a French grower or two, the Ministry — and have to report first, that there is no single villain and second, that the only thing to do is to turn Britain into a nation of foodie-xenophobics. Fast.

It is ironic that this crisis should come in the year that Sainsbury's is stocking nearly forty varieties of English apples, varieties such as Blenheim Orange, D'Arcy Spice and Michaelmas Red that ten years ago no one ever thought to see on a British grocer's shelves again. Allan Cheesman, the chief produce buyer, has been pushing them like mad, and this is the first year he's sold more British apples than French. All those little Union Jack stickers with the name of the variety on each apple have paid off, as did his apple tasting, arranged like a wine tasting, that sent the food writers into adjectival ecstasy.

Nevertheless, supermarkets have a price war of their own going on, and Mr Cheesman admits his prices are too low to keep the growers going — 25p to 32p a pound to the suppliers, 38p to the customer. Growers are not kidding when they say "Use us or lose us".

The fact that French growers are losing £1,500 a hectare for the second year running, and that 800,000 tonnes of French apples are being picked up at the intervention price of 3p or 4p a pound is small comfort. We know the French public buys over 90 per cent French apples, while the British buy under 40 per cent British, but it can't be attributed to chauvinism alone. Mr Cheesman says his French supermarket colleagues admit to being too scared to stock English apples. "It's the rule of the farmer's gun and boot," he says. "They'll have all their windows broken if they do."

As usual, the British end of the playing field is full of bumps. Germany's techniques for keeping British produce out may be subtler, but they also work. There are irritants like the fact that the Dutch government is handing out grants to build cold stores while ours isn't. For years the European Community ministers would solemnly swear they weren't making illicit grants to the industry. Not nationally, they weren't, but Britain was alone in not doing so through regional mechanisms. How else does one imagine small French family growers managed to acquire their computerised stores?

HOWEVER, it is pointless to pick nits in the context of the massive worldwide over-production we are now seeing. David Browning, a Kentish grower and vice-chairman of English Apples & Pears, is too realistic either to try special pleading with the Government or to expect anything of some generalised Gatt anti-dumping clause once the minimum import price into the European Union is dropped and the floodgates open.

So there will be tears, but we can reduce them (not to mention the half of our trade deficit accounted for by imports of food and drink) by resolutely buying British, and demanding that supermarkets flag British produce and itemise it all as British in our till receipts. At least it will leave a better taste in the mouth.

Reasons why I hate you



Colin Ferguson is led away by police for arraignment on murder charges. Notes found in his apartment reveal the paranoid obsessions of a mind beyond recall

Was this week's commuter train massacre really racist revenge?

Ben Macintyre reports on our need to explain the inexplicable

When Colin Ferguson boarded the 5.33 train from Manhattan to Port Jefferson he was carrying a 9mm Ruger semi-automatic pistol, more than 100 rounds of ammunition in a canvas bag and a series of handwritten notes stuffed into the pockets of his jacket.

Little over half an hour later four people were dead (a fifth would die later), more than two dozen were wounded and Ferguson was in police custody, accused of one of the most systematic and brutal mass-murders, even by the standards of America's recent bloody history.

The notes carried by Ferguson, a 35-year-old black man born in Jamaica, and other documents found in his Brooklyn apartment, were written in an odd, looping scrawl, a testament to a mind fervid with perceived injustice. "Reasons for this: . . ." begins one scrap of paper; "Additional Reasons for this: . . .", begins another.

Ferguson's rage, to judge from his scribbles, ran deep and wide. He railed against whites and Asians, "Uncle Tom Negroes", New York's Governor Mario Cuomo, the police, civil rights leaders, his Brooklyn neighbours, "Corrupt 'black' attorneys who not only refuse to help me but tried to steal my car", and many more.

There was disjointed fury here, but there was also calculation. Ferguson travelled to California last May to buy his gun for $400, and he dutifully waited the required 15 days before collecting his purchase.

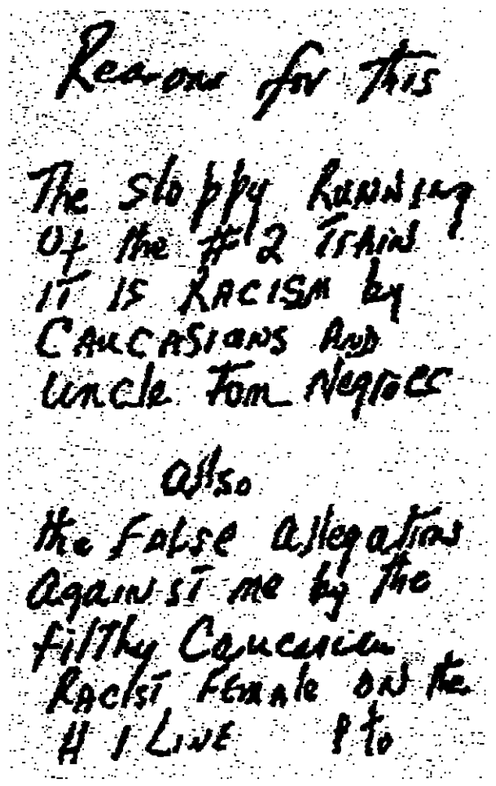
"NYC was spared", he wrote, "because of my Respect for Mayor David Dinkins . . . Nassau County is the Venue." The burly black gunman, once a student at Adelphi College in Long Island, had apparently waited until the train left New York City and entered the white suburbs of Nassau County before opening fire because he did not want to embarrass the outgoing black mayor of New York by committing mass slaughter on his turf.

The day after the massacre, as Ferguson was charged with four counts of murder, police displayed his jottings with something close to relief. The notes, they proclaimed, explained the hitherto inexplicable: Ferguson was motivated by racial hatred.

That is an easy explanation for Ferguson's stream of vitriol. The charge of racial discrimination runs through all the notes: from "the false Allegations Against me by the filthy Caucasian Racist Female on the #1 Line" to "that Chinese racist Mr Sue who will never put me to shame again without Cause."

A particular source of fury seems to have been his arrest for harassment in February 1992. In a long, rambling letter to Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, Ferguson laid out a string of reasons why his treatment by the "racist Caucasian police officers" had been "particularly viscous [sic] and racist."

Nothing could be more natural, of course, than the need to explain the motives of an individual who would enter a train and begin the casual murder of complete strangers. But Ferguson's "Reasons for this" are not reasons at all, still less explanations. Someone who would commit mass murder might do so because of toothache, or a parking ticket or because they don't like Mondays. But these are not reasons, any more than "God told me to".



The danger, of course, is that in the search to make sense of an event so tragic and grotesque as this week's mass murder, we are only too ready to seek and accept explanations for behaviour that can only be rationalised by a mind already twisted beyond recall.

Every time we "make sense" of such a massacre, as the author Luc Sante wrote yesterday in *The New York Times*, "we accord it a place in the rational order" rather than the freak status it deserves. With each successive causal explanation, slaughter becomes a more accepted, even understandable expression of grievances, a rational statement rather than a hideous crime.

Ferguson clearly seems to have thought he was acting within reason, but he may also have believed he was acting on precedent. Recently he threatened police lawyers, referring to a mass murder at a law firm in California. That episode was "explained" by the fact that the gunman, who later shot himself, was angered by a failed real estate deal.

For 12 hours after last Tuesday's shooting police refused to release the name of the suspect, or a possible motive. The killer remained faceless, nameless, incomprehensible and terrifying. New Yorkers are sleeping easier tonight in the belief that Ferguson acted out of simple racism, for that is something they understand and live with every day. The sheer horror of the killing has already been diluted by the decision to prosecute the case as a crime of racial bias.

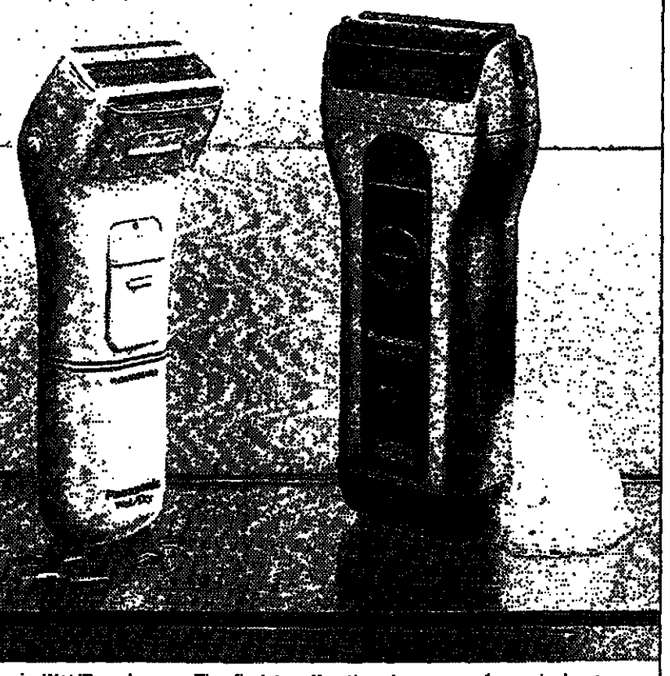
When Ferguson was taken in handcuffs from the Long Island courthouse on Wednesday, a reporter asked him if he hated white people. "It's a lie," he replied.

Perhaps he spoke the truth, for a close reading of Ferguson's scrawls and his rambling, splenetic letters does not reveal a racist, but a paranoid madman. He hated, and felt he was victimised by, everyone: workers' compensation boards, politicians, the elderly woman whose apartment he rented, his neighbours ("I hate them with a passion"). Even "the sloppy running of the #2 line" raised his fury.

Despite his endless repetition of the charge of racism, his written words are really a deranged combination of resentment, attention-seeking and revenge. "Those filthy swine that live at 226 Martense St, Bklyn, are not my friends," he scrawls. "Once they hear of this they will loot all the evidence in my room . . ."

When he walked down the aisle of the Long Island Rail Road train, the gunman aimed with deadly precision, shooting to right and left, one witness recalled, "as if he was collecting tickets". The jottings of Colin Ferguson, however, are scatter-shot, a tantrum at anyone and everyone who had offended him. He chose to call this racism, but there is no reason why we should, just for our own peace of mind.

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Where did French films go wrong?

Don't tell the Parisians . . . but their new patriotic blockbuster is a turkey.

One of many, says **Charles Bremner**

Imagine switching on Bruce Forsyth and finding Laurence Olivier and Sting crooning a corny duet, followed by a government minister who blesses the effort as high art. The French equivalent could be witnessed a couple of days ago when Gérard Depardieu sang with the balladeer Renaud on *Sacré Soirée*, one of those kitschy shows where everyone fondles huge phallic microphones. Depardieu, who has replaced the Louvre as the national monument, and Renaud, a Gallic Dave Spart, are the stars of *Germinal*, Claude Berri's Zola epic which is not so much a film as flagship of the campaign against Gatt.

Film-makers may not yet need state approval to make a picture without le Gérard National, but he has rarely been off the stage in recent weeks as Jacques Toubon, the culture minister, has rallied the defence of the Gallic soul. The patriotic juices have positively boiled this week as the Americans, under pressure from Jack Valenti, boss of the Hollywood lobby, have fought harder than expected against France's demands to preserve Europe's subsidies and broadcast quotas.

The French argument is simple. "The American cinema is constructed like a war machine," says Depardieu. "The European cinema is in mortal danger." President Mitterrand says the Americans are trying to impose "totalitarian" dominion over the minds of the world.

Thanks to an 11 per cent ticket tax and other levies, France has preserved an industry that turns out 150 features a year, compared with 30 or so in Britain. Berri, one of the heavy-weight luvvies who have been hammering the Gatt case, notes that without state backing he could never have made *Germinal*.

Few dare utter the anathema in public, but all that subsidising might just be the reason why French films are now so feeble. Since the Mitterrand administration began pouring money into the "cinematic arts", a pall of political correctness has descended on the *auteurs* and *producteurs*.

The secret that dares not speak its name is that *Germinal* is a terminally turgid turkey. Among official thinkers, only Bernard-Henri Lévy, the celebrity philosopher, has pointed out the fact as cinemagoers have gone dutifully to this tale of woe in the Victorian pits. When American critics ridiculed *Germinal* this week, the French saw it as a further example of the *Jurassic* conspiracy.

According to the French thesis, America and the world would lap up such French oeuvres if it could only get to see them. The problem, they say, is simply market access. Hollywood and the distributors reply that the real reason is that French films are just boring. Too often they are exercises in navel-gazing, or historical literary pageants, à la *Jean de Florette* and *Madame Bovary*, or good comic concepts buried in obscure dialogue. The last category is often successfully repackaged by Hollywood, as in the case of *Trois Hommes et Un Couffin*, Americanised into *Three Men and a Baby*.



Jeanne Moreau and Oskar Werner in *Jules et Jim*: but where is the new Truffaut?

One longs for the days when there was excitement over the latest Truffaut, when the younger Scorsese, Altman and Coppola looked to Paris for tips. Where is the new *Jules et Jim* or, in more commercial terms, *Un Homme et Une Femme*?

The latest effort by Claude Lelouch — *Tout Ça Pour Ça* — is a sorry parody of the stylish romance that packed them in more than 25 years ago. A typical specimen of the over-wrought product is André Techiné's *Ma Saison Preferée*, France's entry in the last Cannes festival, starring Catherine Deneuve and Daniel Auteuil. What should have been a pleasure was the umpteenth replay of that favourite theme, the bourgeoisie agonising over family relationships.

While American films have kept static at about 60 per cent of the French cinema for the past decade, the audience for French-made films has been sagging. The trend is starting to worry the beneficiaries of the state hand-outs. Claude Sautet, whose *Un Coeur en Hiver* is doing quite well abroad, grumbled the other day that the cinema has divided into two sterile camps — high-minded introspection on a literary theme and a popular product of local interest. The best example of the latter is *Les Visiteurs*, a comedy which has broken French records. A vulgar Pythonesque spoof on the Middle Ages, it is hilarious at mocking Gallic foibles, but would stand no chance in an American multiplex.

The thinking classes heard some home truth last week from Mario Vargas Llosa, the Peruvian writer and francophile. Inveighing against the film bureaucracy, he wondered in an open letter to France: "Do you really believe that a government would have financed the anarchic irreverence of Bunuel's *Age d'Or*, the non-conformism of *Citizen Kane* or the insolence of *A Bout de Souffle*?"

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George Austin on adultery, Welsh rarebit — and the failure of the Church leaders to take a moral stand

'It shouldn't be me — the bishops should say these things'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



In a royal row — the Venerable George Austin has found that invitations to preach at parish churches, with Sunday lunch *aprés* at the vicarage, have almost dried up



"THAT preposterous archdeacon, doesn't he make you want to vomit? His fatness, his smugness ..." A chorus of reproachful voices silenced the historian David Starkey's insults hurled at the The Venerable George Austin, Archdeacon of York, during Radio 4's *The Moral Maze* yesterday, and it was Ken Livingstone who sprang to his defence: "The archdeacon is a character," he said, "and says what he thinks, and that adds to the gaiety of the nation — and at least makes people think."

Like most fusses, it had begun casually. The archdeacon was just dropping off to sleep towards midnight on Monday when GMTV roused him: would he come in at dawn to talk about the Prince of Wales? He went, but there was a technical hitch. This made the archdeacon rather cross, so when the *Today* programme rang instead he gladly made "friendly, light-hearted remarks" about the prince's unfitness to become king. "I said nothing I haven't said before," he says, "but all hell broke loose.

"My wife tells me there are 58 messages on the answering machine ... reporters outside the house ..." In fact the archdeacon was in London having his hair cut ("my barber has just shown me a copy of *The Sun*") before meeting me at his hotel for a glass of Bailey's Irish Cream liqueur.

He is a congenial cove: absurdly boyish at 62, a ringer for Gerald Campion playing Billy Bunter. He told me two very jolly funeral jokes and an apposite one about the ten commandments. Moses comes down and says: "Do you want the good news or the bad news? The good news is I've knocked Him down to ten. The bad news is that adultery's still in."

If he had set out to cause an uproar, he would never have picked this week, when he was actually with the two archbishops (roars of laughter) at Synod policy meetings. Yet Canterbury had beamed at him across the table, "and York was very friendly. After all, he appointed me, knowing my views, to a position of leadership, where my voice would be heard".

The Archdeaconry of York is, in fact, no more important than any other, "but *sounds* as though it is," he chortles. He was once flying to Australia with his archbishop, and the chief flight lieutenant asked what was the difference between the two. "I said 'well, it's a bit like you and the captain of this aircraft: he thinks he's flying it, but you know you are'. I told John Habgood that. He has a very good sense of humour. And an outstanding mind. He cannot be pigeonholed, like some. He has no predictable views. I think dissent is a plus — as in marriage."

Tell me about your marriage, I said. After all, everyone has been flinging "Let him who casts the first stone ..." and "Let him who is without sin among you ..." at him. "Well, I have never been unfaithful to my wife," he said, "and I could not conceive of hurting her in that way. If I did I would lose my family, my home and my job. We are each other's best friend." Roberta, "Bobbie", now his secretary, is even more against women priests than he, though at home they keep off churchy matters. They met when he was a curate in Dunstable and she was teaching in a school next to the crematorium. He called on her after a funeral; they were engaged within six days. Yes, it was the greatest luck to be married to someone whom you want to cleave only unto.

His second love is food — "We all have our Achilles' heel" — and cooking is his hobby. A typical Austin dinner party: artichoke and Martini soup (whizz up tin of artichokes with chicken stock, add Martini); smoked salmon with poached egg and cream; beef studded with smoked oysters; Welsh rarebit with Lancashire cheese, as his mother used to do it. "It is making me very hungry", he said, "just talking about it."

His title is The Venerable; people call him Dr Austin but he is a mere BA from St David's, Lampeter. His father was a wholesale tobacconist in Bury, which stopped young George ever having his first fag. He is amenable to the press, he says, because bishops treat reporters as enemies, while his wife tells him to "think of Jeremy" (their only son, senior reporter on the *Watford Observer*).

What strikes him as odd is that only a week ago the Church was being accused of failing to take a moral lead. "Yet now they say the Archdeacon of York shouldn't be saying these things — and I agree: it should not be me, it should be the bishops, guardians of the faith. We have some clergy who deny every article of the Christian faith — yet I am declared by the Bishop of Norwich to have 'eccentric views'."

It was the sermon he preached from York Minster in 1988 after his friend Canon Gareth Bennett's suicide following his Crockford's preface that pitched him into the public eye.

"That sermon — about the acceptance of homosexuality, feminist liturgies, the attack on traditional doctrines — got such stick from the hierarchy, but it's all happened: a service in Manchester Cathedral where God was called 'Mother', and the bishop supported it; lay celebration of the eucharist, which the evangelicals want — women priests is a *minor* issue compared with what's beginning to show up like prairie dogs."

His archbishop, you recall, likened him to the Fat Boy in *Pickwick*. Had he minded? "No, because I know his twinkle. He had originally just quoted the Dickens line, 'I wants to make your flesh creep'. The reporter said his editor would make him read through all of Dickens for the source. So he said, it's the Fat Boy. And of course in cold print it sounded dreadful — an archbishop descending to personal abuse — but I know that twinkle. He does tease me about my size."

The archdeaconry itself astonished him: he had just written in the *Daily Mail* about being content to remain a parish priest for ever, since someone of his views would never be promoted by the liberal establishment. "Then John Habgood's letter came. We had our public difficulties — after all, I had said he should not be Archbishop of Canterbury — but I said in his favour, if he can offer me this job, he's a man I can work with." Now he thinks it the best job in the church, emulating Robertson Hare in *All Gas and Gaiters*. He has 236 parish churches, two-thirds of them listed, steeped in history, with here a chalice inscribed 1663, there the marks of arrows from the Wars of the Roses ...

But the truth is, the archdeacon is having difficulty in keeping his Sundays special. Invitations to preach at parish churches, with Sunday lunch *aprés* at the vicarage, have almost dried up, because of his opposition to women priests.

"Normally," he says, "my diary would by now be quite full until next July. But I find that I have 17 vacant Sundays ..." He can't just turn up uninvited at a church; he may end up celebrating the eucharist at his own kitchen table.

"I get on very well with women deacons in our diocese — one of them said 'George will come round, he's so sympathetic'. But I won't. I respect them in the diaconate, I treat them no differently from men. But I could never be present at the ordination of a woman, nor take part in their priestly acts of the eucharist because that is not the place to make demonstrations."

The Times, having memorably declared in its leader that "A king need not be a model husband" had asked him how he could defend his own vow of allegiance to the Queen, her heirs and successors? The archdeacon points out that the next phrase is "according to law". "There is much to be said for getting rid of the oath of allegiance, a relic of adulterous Henry VIII's political relationship to Rome."

He can sympathise with the Prince of Wales, cajoled into a marriage at 31 — the age at which he, too, married, having been in love several times — doomed from the start. So would it not be more loving and Christlike to be generous? "If he publicly renounced his past ... Someone with public responsibilities has to be more harshly treated than anyone else, because of the trust involved. If I was found with my hand in the till I could repent, but I would have to resign."

He recognises the prince's kingly qualities of social concern and public-spiritedness. "Yes. He has ideas, and ideals. The best of us are a mixture. But the fact that I do good things does not excuse my sinfulness. I still have to be penitent before God. The parable ends, 'Go and sin no more'. The trouble with the Church today is it doesn't say that." He would not bless a second marriage; he has dedicated "new relationships" — "but I don't like it and always regret it. Christian morality is not just the perverseness of a difficult divine being.

"In the ten commandments God produced the best plan for society: not to kill, not to steal. You don't adapt morality to fit in with the breakdown of society. But a lot of liberal clergy want precisely that. 'Meeting people where they are', is how they put it."

Yet he is wedded to a C of E he sees crumbling around him. "I still feel the bereavement of last November, when the Church I loved and served was taken away from me, and would never be the same, not only because of women priests. It may seem irrational but that is how it feels. We are in a kind of schism."

He wakes in the night with stress headaches, which will please priests who say he is an ass with no more relevance than the bishop whose admonitory sermon preceded the Abdication but whose name is widely forgotten. Monarchs have ways of dealing with turbulent priests: but there are gentler solutions than murder in the minster.

The sister who betrayed Michael Jackson

LaToya Jackson is always eager to dish the dirt, but can she be believed, asks **Julia Llewellyn Smith**

LaToya Jackson has done less than most to deserve fame. Her CV shows the usual showbiz B-team list of activities: a spread in *Playboy*, a flop show at the Moulin Rouge and concerts played to less-than-packed houses in the odd corners of the world.

But there is one difference between LaToya and the rest of wannabees — she is a member of the Jackson family and whenever her career is flagging she need only remind the world of this fact.

LaToya's career has certainly been on the wane of late. She cancelled a tour of South Africa because tickets had failed to sell. But could it really just have been a desire for publicity that led her to accuse her brother, Michael Jackson, of "crimes against small, innocent children"?

The rest of the Jacksons certainly thought so. LaToya, her parents said yesterday, was "selling her brother down the line", egged on by her husband and manager, Jack Gordon. "For the love of money, they will do anything. These claims are simply ludicrous," said her mother, Katherine Jackson.

It is certainly not the first time LaToya, 36, has blown the lid on her family's cereal-box image as America's answer to the von Trapps.

The world saw an all-singing, all-dancing team of smiling, curly-haired brothers, all devout Jehovah's Witnesses; LaToya, meanwhile, describes a home life made miserable by a domineering father, who ruled his children through emotional, physical and, in the case of his daughters, sexual abuse. Her mother, she claims, made no attempt to stop him. "We lived in the kind of house which made you feel you want to kill yourself," she has said. "She always lies," Joe, her father, said yesterday.

It is these experiences, she says now, which make her determined to speak out against her brother. "I have been hurt by it too. My father molested me sexually and I don't like it," she said.

Any family might be understandably miffed by such allegations, but the Jacksons, it seems, have taken things a step further. According to LaToya, her family are so determined to stop the truth coming out that they have tried to sabotage her shows, have made several kidnapping attempts and have tried to assassinate her. Her autobiography *LaToya Jackson* reads like the script of a James Bond movie, with scenes of treacherous bodyguards trying to snatch her away, dramatic car chases and imprisonment plots.

While such wild allegations are bone chilling, many of LaToya's outbursts are hilarious. When Michael wept on Oprah Winfrey's shoulder, telling of his rare skin disease that was turning his black skin white, the world felt for him. Until his sister hit back. "I have never heard of a skin disease in our family. I don't think he's ever had one. I think it's very heavy make-up. Somebody should say to Michael: 'It's a bit too bright'."

LaToya has mocked rumours that she and Michael are the same person, a story supported by their resemblance to one another, their identical high-pitched voices, the fact that there are almost no photographs of them together and that they have both had their noses pared to chicken-bone dimensions by plastic surgery. Michael, she claims, "stole her face", demanding surgeons to mould him in her image.

Central to LaToya's actions appears to be her husband, whom she always refers to as Mr Gordon. According to LaToya, he has been her saviour, the man she married in order to escape the threats of her family. She refuses to sleep with her husband because of the abuse she allegedly suffered, and they talk happily in front of each other about how they long for the day they divorce.

The Jacksons, however, describe Gordon as a Svengali-like figure who manipulated their daughter into making a string of profitable accusations. Here, too, the feud descends into farce. Last summer, Janet Jackson accused Gordon of brainwashing her sister. Gordon hit back by saying Janet's bottom was "so huge it takes up two chairs".

LaToya's habit of granting interviews for nothing less than a six-figure sum has done little to aid her credibility. But Michael's "whacko" image has done him no favours either. Nor has the list of testimonies from boys admitting to having (innocently) shared a bed with the singer.



LaToya Jackson accused Michael of 'crimes against children'

So which of these obviously eccentric siblings are we to believe? Maureen Orth, an American journalist who has written a 15-page article on the Jackson case for this month's *Vanity Fair*, thinks LaToya may have a case. "It's true that LaToya and Michael stayed at home longest with their mother, so she certainly knows Michael very, very well," she says. "I think some of the stuff she says can be credible."

J. Randy Taraborrelli, the author of *Michael Jackson: the Magic and the Madness*, an unauthorised biography, disagrees. "I have lost a lot of respect for LaToya through this. In the past, I have interviewed her and thought her stories of abuse seemed credible. Now I am having to revise everything.

"LaToya has no proof. She hasn't talked to Michael for five years. She's as bad as all the bodyguards and chauffeurs who are rushing to cash in on Jackson's misfortune."

Whatever the truth, nobody has emerged well from this mystery. "I don't think you can take any of the Jacksons at their word," Ms Orth says. "They have been manipulating the media since Michael was a tiny boy."

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■ Bashful Bowdler is being blunted; by and by he will blush at our boldness

Blessed are the pure, for they shall inhibit the earth. I sat up with a jerk when I heard the Controller of Radio 3 refer three times to a bowdlerised text, in his talk about Purcell. Thereafter, references to bowdlerisation polluted reviews of *The Purcell Experience* in the posh papers, such as "Anon's bowdlerisation of *Midsummer Night's Dream*". So what is going on here, dear Controller? Rude puns buried fathoms deep in *Dido and Aeneas*; previously unsuspected lubricities in the Ode for St Cecilia's Day? I had never before considered Purcell as the rap composer of his day, giving his singers sly improprieties to warble.

Then I twigged. The word "bowdlerisation" was being used to mean a heavily cut and mutilated text, with no hint of expurgation, sparing maidenly blushes or cutting out the dirty bits. Perhaps there was a subconscious Spoonerist echo of disembowelling. So the whole point of Dr Bowdler was being forgotten, and a precise dagger of a word was being turned into blunt instrument. There may still be time to save the precision of a useful word, by remembering how Bowdler joined the band of eponyms who have left their names to the language.

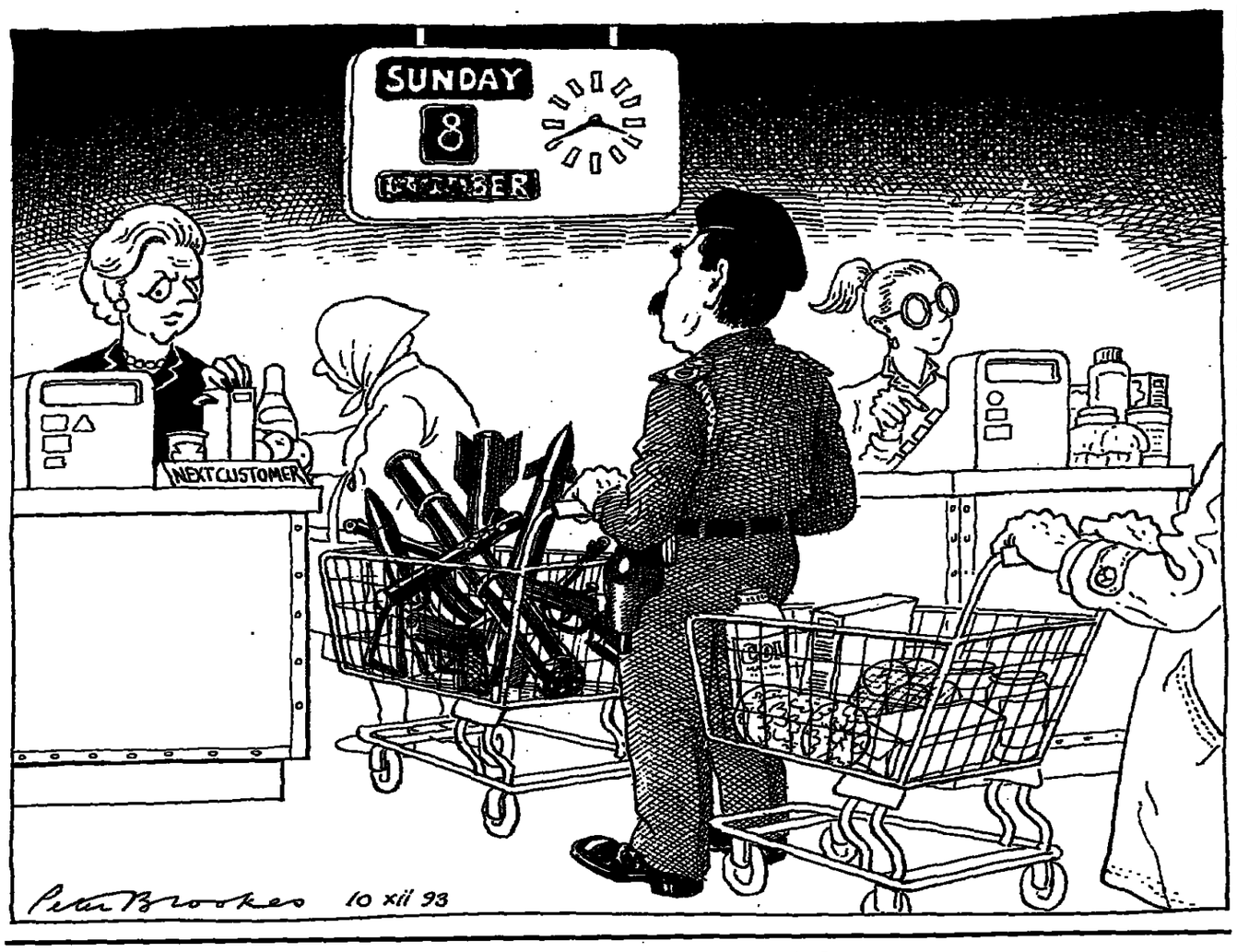
Bowdler claimed to love Shakespeare, except for the rude bits — a big exception. His *Family Shakespeare*, deleting anything that could be considered sexy, came out much shorter. He cut Juliet's speech of longing for Romeo, "Gallop apace, you fiery-footed steeds . . .", from 30 lines to 15. He reduced Lear's speech, "Let copulation thrive", with the distressing behaviour of the small gilded fly, from 22 lines to seven. Some characters, such as Doll Tearsheet, were completely removed. Bowdler washed his hands of doing anything to purify *Measure for Measure*, and decided that the whole of *Othello* was "unfortunately little suited to family reading", recommending a transfer "from the parlour to the cabinet". This was as hypocritical as asking a jury whether they would let their wives or servants read *Lady Chatterley's Lover*.

Bowdler had sex on the brain — a bad place to have it. But his bowdlerisation was popular. Just before his death he finished the Herculean job of cleaning Gibbon's *Decline and Fall*, excising jokes about religion and the licentious passages glossed in the chastity belt of a learned language. His agenda was so to purify Shakespeare and Gibbon that they could no longer "raise a blush on the cheek of modest innocence nor plant a pang in the heart of the devout Christian".

The complete works of Shakespeare used by leader writers at *The Times* to verify references and add a touch of class to an otherwise arid argument has been bowdlerised by a puritanical epigonus of Thomas Bowdler, who has pencilled out all references to such beastliness as mother's milk, virgins, and all bodily functions. All efforts to clean up Shakespeare are as futile as trying to desalinate the ocean. All human life is in there, and sex was an important part of life, then as now.

But to take Bowdler's name in vain for any kind of editing is to forget his life's work, and to erode a sharp meaning. Bowdler was in business simply to remove sex, bodily functions and irreligion from his texts, nothing more. Of course words travel on from their origins. *The Times* extended Bowdler's brief in 1990: "Male, modern, macho: When *The Taming of the Shrew* was staged in New York's Shakespeare festival this summer, it was bowdlerised to dilute the bard's misogynist sentiments." Perhaps that was an early sign of Bowdler's slippage.

This change follows the slipshod extension of a word such as *alibi*, now used as any old *excuse or defence*, and also, bizarrely, as a verb: and *decimation*, used for wholesale destruction *rather than reduction by one in ten*, which the word's form declares. This blunting of *precision spoils the language*. It is ironic that Bowdler, who devoted his life to removing offence for puritans, should now be offending purists who like precision in language. His is a good word going to the bad. But it is damnably hard to stop such slippage. For the present, let us try to remember Dr Bowdler properly. In the long run, gird up your l***s, smite h*p and f***h, we'll all be in Bowdlerland, by and by.



Appeasement lives on

Foreign Office timidity over Hong Kong is a betrayal of Britain's commitment to do the right thing by former colonies

Bernard Levin

My devotion to the cause of my beloved Hong Kong has been frequently aired on this page; I think recent developments require another airing.

On Wednesday of this week there was a session of the House of Commons foreign affairs committee, which was devoted to Hong Kong. Inevitably, the actions of the present Governor, Christopher Patten, were discussed at length.

Now most of the time I have thought well of the present Governor: he has been more cautious than I could have wished, but it has been clear that he is doing the right thing — that is, being as conciliatory as possible when facing Chinese demands, but standing very firm when Hong Kong's fundamental needs and safeguards (particularly safeguards) are in question.

But I could not be sure; the slow pace towards democracy, the finessing rather than rejecting of Chinese threats, the inevitable yearning to go home — these and other such shadows made me uneasy, and I had to ask myself the question that would not leave me: was Patten really right?

Then, in the improbable venue of the Commons' foreign affairs committee, it was found that at a single stroke all doubts had disappeared, the shadows had fled, my unease turned to certainty, and I knew that Patten was not only on the right lines, but could be trusted to forge ahead with fresh confidence in hastening the pace of democratic self-rule. And whence came this new and exciting atmosphere? Why, when called to give the committee his opinions, Sir Percy Cradock denounced the whole action in thunderous tones — saying ". . . lasting confrontation . . . a tragedy for Hong Kong . . . dangerous and reckless policy . . . do much more harm to Hong Kong . . . putting at risk the increase in democracy in Hong Kong to which China had agreed . . ." — and when Sir Percy Cradock says that it is so *and thus, we may all breathe easily in* the absolute certainty that it is neither *thus nor so*.

Mark: Sir Percy doesn't tell lies, nor is he even stupid, and he certainly doesn't take bribes; he is just wrong, indeed, you can set your watch by his wrongness. But that is not some kind of whim on his part, or a fetish that he cannot shake off. His problem was dramatically demonstrated in a little-noted passage in his lecture to the committee: he rejected as an "extraordinary and ignorant distortion" the suggestion that "British policy on Hong Kong had been directed by Sino-centric officials at the Foreign Office such as himself".

And there you have it; not even I could improve on what those words portend, though for me the Foreign Office ranks only very slightly higher than the Home Office, and it is well known that my regard for *that* noisome place and its occupants is such that I have repeatedly called for it to be burned to the ground and the ruins sown with salt. Of *course* it is true that British policy on Hong Kong has been directed by Sino-centric officials at the Foreign Office such as Sir Percy. That, after all, is why he is always wrong; since the Foreign Office is always wrong, it follows that its denizens must also be wrong. But, you may ask, *why* does the Sino-centric nature of the Foreign Office inevitably lead to wrongness? Here, we must broaden our investigations.

The culture of appeasement has, through many decades, run like an ineradicable poisoned stream, and it is impossible to cleanse it and make it safe. The reason for the obstinacy of the fatal matter is that the Foreign Office, more than any other department, chooses its intake with immense care. Though the *actual* words may not be in use, their meaning cannot be mistaken: is he one of us? And if he is, he is certainly not going to break with the tradition of giving in. Don't tell me that all those stories died in the ancient past along with Hitler; you only have to recall the Falklands to recall also the Foreign Office's attitude — Thatcher practically had to go over and beat them over the head.

With that in mind, let us see what Sir Percy Cradock, having calmed down (if indeed he is not still raging) would advise in this locking of horns. First, though, we must take cognisance of the fact that Patten has suffered *seventeen* sets of talks on the disputed subject, and all he has got from them is seventeen headaches. Moreover, the Chinese have made clear that if Patten goes ahead with his mild — for me far too mild — proposals, or even one of the proposals, they will break off the talks. And the Chinese have said that "Once the British side submits the 'Political Reform Programme' to the Legislative Council, either completely or partially, it will mean the British side has unilaterally closed the door of negotiations."

Now let us see the cavalry, in the form of Sir Percy Cradock, galloping over the hill to the rescue. This is how he does it.

"Unilateral action and confrontation with China would be more damaging to Hong Kong in its special circumstances than a negotiated settlement" And what is meant by "a negotiated settlement"? It is the "policy of co-operation with China on the best terms we can get". And then those weasel words — though no self-respecting weasel would use them — that tell us that Britain would be worse off if Britain "insists on regarding democracy as the only virtue worth pursuing". Oh, Sir Percy, democracy *is* the only virtue worth pursuing, when we are facing those who know not democracy. Did you not know that? But Sir Percy has some more words for us. Try "As regards our obligation to push democracy, we have no legal obligation to put forward the Patten reforms".

And these words from one of the questioners of Sir Percy:

> . . . I put it to you that the question of the liberty of people like Martin Lee, who after all has been pressing for democracy for decades, seems to have been completely ignored by the British Government . . . Do you not feel yourself that the British Government . . . and those who advised it, including yourself obviously . . . bear a very big responsibility for the present impasse . . ?

To which our hero replied "It is an extraordinary and ignorant distortion", and spent the next few paragraphs in exculpation.

Don't make waves. In truth Sir Percy is only an instrument, albeit a noticeable one. The culture of appeasement was not devised by him, and he cannot single-handed dismantle it, even if he wanted to, which he plainly doesn't. Getting things wrong is the lot of all humanity, and Governor Patten is subject to it as well as Sir Percy and even me. And we shall not go to war with China over Hong Kong. But the betrayal is still there, and the Governor is absolutely right to push out, inch by inch, the boundaries of democracy — at least he is right to do it after 17 wastes of time. For his part, Sir Percy constantly repeats his nonsensical mantra, which goes "if the Chinese are displeased by the Governor they will dismantle any democracy when they take over", which is nonsensical because when they take over they will do what they like anyway, and the Government at home will turn the other cheek, heedless of the fact that it is others' faces that will get slapped.

The late David Bonavia, for many years the *Times* correspondent in China, said: "While Britain's attempts to bestow on her colonies what was best in her own institutional heritage had not always been successful, at least she had tried to do the right thing. Not so in Hong Kong, where the British have failed to live up to their own ideals."

It is true. And there is something else that is true. It is that when the then Prime Minister went to Hong Kong in 1982, she said these words: "I have been at pains to stress that the British Government has a clear responsibility for the people of Hong Kong. As leader of the Government, what matters to me is that we discharge our moral duty to them."

Where is that moral duty now?

Or, to put it another way, what exactly is meant by "a clear responsibility"? That Prime Minister and her successor now know, even if they did not before (they did, of course), that no promise made by the Chinese authorities could have any worth, nor any signature from the same quarter. If the moral duty is to have any meaning, it must in some form give the people of Hong Kong a lifeline, in the form either of a right of nationality (after all, they had that right until the British government stole it from them), or of a British-organised global asylum. And no, a lecture from Sir Percy Cradock will not suffice instead.

A State without a Church

David Starkey on disestablishment by the back door

The last time a senior churchman expressed public doubts about the moral suitability of a member of the royal family for the high and sacred office of king, it led to the abdication crisis of 1936. But the opinion of George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, that if Prince Charles has broken his marriage vows he cannot be trusted to keep his coronation oath and would therefore be ineligible to be king, looks more likely to lead to disestablishment of the Church of England than to the dethroning of a future monarch.

For times have changed. In 1936, the Prime Minister stood behind the Archbishop of Canterbury, while behind (or rather, slightly ahead of) the Prime Minister, public opinion was united in its detestation of divorce. Most importantly, the public also practiced what it wanted preached: divorce was a scandalous rarity and illegitimacy rates were low.

In 1993, things could scarcely be more different: the Archbishop acknowledges that divorce can be spiritually creative, while the Prime Minister, so indulgent to wayward ministers, can hardly turn stern moralist with the Prince of Wales. Above all, the rigid sexual codes of the 1930s have collapsed, both in practice (British rates of divorce and illegitimacy are among the highest in Europe) and in theory (a growing proportion of people, now almost half, endorse the "permissive society").

Whether you support Church or king depends essentially on your attitude to these changes. If you recognise that the Sixties brought gain as well as loss, and if you want the spheres of private morality and public life to be separated, you support Charles; but if you detest the Sixties and yearn for a single morality and the monarch as head of it, you root for the Archdeacon.

Yet the Archdeacon — I think involuntarily — is only a front for larger political forces. Behind him stand "Back to Basics" and a campaign to "remoralise" society. This morality, whatever its proponents may say, has almost nothing to do with religion and everything to do with social control. In this respect, it is true to the historical mission of the established Church. Christ, as 20th-century liberation theology rediscovered, had "a bias to the poor". The Church of England preached social subordination: the congregation sat hierarchically, with the rich at the front and the poor at the back, and it heard Cranmer's "Homily on Obedience", sang "The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate", and in the 20th century was described as the Tory party at prayer.

The sexual code enforced by Church and State was just as socially utilitarian. Christ said "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone"; the Church, although it did not stone adulterers, stripped them to their shirts and smocks and exposed them to public humiliation, while the mothers of bastards were flogged at the cart's tail. But it was only poor adulterers and unmarried mothers who were thus punished. This gives the game away: it was not about saving souls but about saving the social security budget of the parish.

This is not very pretty, but in the early modern period it was at least economically effective. In the "golden age" of the British family, from the 1920s to the 1950s, the balance of the account is far less favourable. In these decades, the virtues of family life were blessed by the Church and symbolised and exemplified by the Royal family: stiffly by George V and Queen Mary and more humanely by George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

But these were the years, however high our moral standards, in which our relative economic performance plunged. One fashionable explanation for this decline is that the bourgeoisie aped the economic uselessness of their betters. I suspect that the problem was the opposite: not aristocratic decadence, but middle-class respectability. For the rigid structures of family life depended on increasingly rigid patterns of employment and housing (just as the breakdown of these patterns largely accounts for the changes in today's family). In other words, Happy Families was bought at the price of economic sclerosis.

But social control, whether harmful or beneficial, has been just one of the fruits of the established Church. There are beautiful buildings, and choirs, and a Bible and liturgy that are the heart of our language. God was worshipped in incomparable English; more than God, however, the object of worship was England itself, with churches decorated not with writhing saints and simpering madonnas, but with the royal arms, the tombs of noblemen and gentlemen, and regimental flags. Let there be tears shed for these, for with them will die part of England.

The tears, however, will only be shed if disestablishment comes quickly and quietly. For official status, at first progressive, then conservative in the earlier 20th century, will become frankly reactionary from now on. For when George Carey denounces "the privatisation of morality", he is attacking not only the permissive society of the Sixties, but the competitive society of the Eighties as well.

Prince Charles, middle-aged fogey that he is, is becoming the unlikely vehicle for modernisation of monarchy, State and society. God save the king, and down with the Church!

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Scythes of relief

YULETIDE greetings from the Arts Council this year are being treated this year with more than a little scepticism. For the funding body's Christmas card carries a curious choice of picture: an actor playing the Angel of Death in the National Theatre's current production of *Perestroika*.

The morbid theme has understandably been regarded as a fair summation of the Arts Council's attitude towards its clients. But, to add insult to injury, the council has misspelt the name of the playwright who dreamt up the said angel. Tony Kuschner, the Pulitzer prizewinner, is credited as Cuschner.

Matters get worse. The Arts Council appears to have used the picture without permission. Nonetheless, the theatre is doing its best to take the mistake in good heart. Says a source: "Perhaps it is a joke. *Perestroika* does mean restructuring, after all."

The Arts Council defends its use of the photograph: "The picture of the angel was vaguely Christmassy. We did not know it was the angel of death, but now we know that, it's rather funny."

Which is not the opinion of Tim Renton, the former Tory arts minister who calls for the abolition of the Arts Council. "It's not quite fair to say the Arts Council is the angel of death. It tries to be like the lady with the lamp, but the lamp keeps going out."

● *One of the 1,700 candidates in Sunday's Russian elections is conducting his campaign from America because he has been banned from canvassing in his constituency. Officials are worried that Anatoly Kashpirovsky, a hypnotist, might use his powers to exert undue influence on the voters.*

Broaden the mind

OUR shipping and aviation minister, the industrious Earl of Caithness, is a little wiser about his portfolio, following a series of unpleasant experiences last week. He emerged from last week's meeting of EC transport ministers to find Brussels gridlocked, the airport snowbound and the official car absent. Yet he was under a three-line whip to oppose Labour's vote of no confidence in the government. There was nothing for it but public transport.

"Brussels was in a total mess. So I caught the train to Ostend and then the night ferry to Dover," sighs the 20th Earl. "The boat took four hours. It was not the greatest trip in the world." Like many intrepid travellers before him, the weary peer discovered when decanted at 3 am in thick fog that the first train from Dover to London does not leave 5 am. Enough was enough. He called for his driver.

"With wife?"

"Yes." With which the driver finally consented.

Spud-u-loathe

THE MYSTERY of Robert Maxwell's enormity is at last laid bare: he loved potatoes. His passion for spuds is revealed in a book by Eleanor Berry, daughter of the former owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, Lord Hartwell.

According to Berry, who was first introduced to Maxwell in the 1960s and remained a close friend until his death, the big man had sometimes to be reined in by his personal assistant Jean Baddeley.

In *Robert Maxwell As I knew Him*, she talks of one lunch at Headington Hill Hall, where the publishing potentate helped himself to an enormous number of potatoes being served a Filipino girl. Baddeley apparently turned furiously to the Filipino lady, saying: "I gave you specific instructions that Mr Maxwell was not to be offered potatoes!" After the lunch, Maxwell's daughter Isabel explained: "Once he starts eating carbohydrates he can't stop. Why else do you think we are locking him out of the larder at night?"

Where to?

THE TEEMING rain on Wednesday night cost Richard Branson dear. Desperate to ensure that a business colleague reached Heathrow from central London in time for a flight, Branson was appalled to find every cab taken. Apart from one stationary at traffic lights with its "taxi" light firmly off.

He tapped on the window: "Please, please, this is urgent. Can you take this man to Heathrow."

"Sorry, guv, I've had enough. I'm going home."

"I'll double the fare."

"Sorry guv, I live 50 miles away and it ain't worth it."

Pause. "How about a free flight to USA."

"With the wife?"

"Yes."

"Sorry guv, been there. It still ain't worth it."

"Well anywhere in the world."

Sleighing them

KENNETH CLARKE may be man enough to tackle the public deficit, but he won't appear as Father Christmas — not this year anyway. The Hush-Puppied Chancellor pulled out at the last minute from an appearance as Santa yesterday at the annual Christmas party for handicapped children in Number 11.

It fell to John Major's well-padded bag-carrier Graham Bright to squeeze into the breach — and not for the first time. For although Lords Howe and Lawson were keen Santas, Norman Lamont eschewed the red robe and white beard last year.

Bright and the children pressed the flesh with such heroes as pop singers Right Said Fred and "gladiators" Saracen and Scorpio. Gillian Clarke was dressed in what one unkind observer dubbed "a camel-coloured tent", and hopes were raised at one point that her husband had, at last, arrived. Sadly not. It was Mr Blobby.



● *A salutary thought for the Conservative MPs who voted against Sunday shop opening last night: of the 68 Tories who opposed it in 1986, only one, Douglas Hogg, is now a minister.*

Gone flat

FIRST the Newbury Tories parted company with their defeated by-election candidate Julian "Blobby" Davidson. Now the same has happened in Christchurch. A new candidate is to be selected in place of Rob Hayward. Despite Hayward's reputation at Westminster as an astute psephologist, his cheery moustachioed face will be absent from Christchurch at the next general election.

"He is not seeking reselection," says Judy Jamieson, the local Tory agent in Christchurch. Hayward wants to devote himself to the British Soft Drinks Association, where he is director-general. Clearly he has lost his political fizz.

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JACQUES' OTHER IDEAS

There is more to the Delors white paper than meets Major's eye

Straw men have their political uses: ministers can achieve splendid rhetorical effects by reducing them to pulp. Before heading for Brussels, John Major and Kenneth Clarke have had a fine time attacking the grandiose spending plans contained in Jacques Delors' white paper on generating jobs and economic growth prepared for today's European Union summit. This is all good political knock-about. Both men know that Germany, for one, can be counted on to deny the Commission an extra £15 billion a year of mostly borrowed money for the rest of this decade for what Mr Clarke rightly terms "as yet unspecified projects".

In their zeal to deny M Delors the chance to play Father Christmas, however, British ministers have come close to ridiculing the entire thrust of the white paper. That is less than wise, for two reasons. Britain has as much interest as its partners in being seen by the public to take today's summit debate on jobs and growth seriously. The report is verbose, some of its prescriptions are dubious and its publication was absurdly late. But the Commission's analysis of the challenges facing Europe provides the clearest evidence to date that the balance of argument in the EU is indeed, as Mr Major loves to claim, swinging his way.

Gone, for a start, is M Delors' passion for a Social Charter to regiment labour markets. Indeed, he now denies that he ever harboured such an ambition, and EU social legislation is being firmly put on hold. The new emphasis is on job-creation, and the watchwords are competition and flexibility.

The paper firmly identifies government-erected barriers to hiring as a main reason for Europe's poor record in creating jobs. It argues that regulation has priced unskilled labour out of world markets, and that non-wage costs must be overhauled — even if that means lower wages and less job security for many. Plans to create three million jobs by providing home helps for the elderly and helping children with homework bear the old hallmarks of "social economy" engineering, and there is some contradiction between the paper's insistence that fiscal deficits must be cut and its stress on much higher spending on training and education. But the Commission's dismissal of systematic job-sharing to cut dole queues is realistic. And its robust defence of open markets, worldwide as well as within the EU, should be music to British ears.

Above all, the paper challenges European governments to face up to the inevitability of a continued, steep decline in the share of manufacturing in total employment, and to make the most of the productivity gains of the "multimedia world". This is precisely where debate needs to be joined, particularly in Europe, where governments still tend to rate "industrial policy" high and hanker for the production of "real" goods rather than the promotion of service industries.

Although the Commission rightly stresses the need to invest in the broad capacity "information highways" that are revolutionising American business, most of the solutions will be found at national level. M Delors does his "new deal" no good by putting up ministers' backs with projections of £434 billion in EU spending on transport, telecommunications, energy and the environment, particularly since he failed to run his sums past finance ministers ahead of the summit. Even Mr Clarke says that he favours new infrastructure networks across Europe, but when the European Investment Bank is awash with funds for infrastructure projects, M Delors' proposed Union bonds look like empire-building by Brussels.

Yet the summit need waste little time arguing about bills most governments have no intention of paying. This paper could spark a proper debate on free-market strategies for longterm adjustment to the post-industrial world, and Britain should grab the opportunity with both hands.

THE NO-COMMISSION MEN

How to create truly independent pensions advice

In the society of the 21st century, with its greater emphasis on personal responsibility and self-reliance, the most important decision people make in their working lives will be how they provide for their retirement. Those who are now under 45 can expect to live longer than their parents; but they cannot rely on a state pension to support them in their lengthy old age. Even if it still exists by the time they retire, the basic state pension will be virtually worthless. Membership of an occupational or a private scheme is not a luxury now: it is a necessity.

Yet the world into which they are being thrust is full of horrors which they are ill-equipped to avoid. Occupational pension schemes have been tarnished by the ease with which Robert Maxwell plundered his; the government has yet to put in place the legislation that might make such theft harder in future. And now it appears that many people who were persuaded to leave their company schemes for private plans will be worse off as a result. The insurance companies involved are being asked to compensate them with hundreds of millions of pounds.

People seeking pension advice are in as weak a position as those seeking medical help. Pensions are complex, almost impossible for most people to understand. Just as nobody would expect a patient to educate himself to deal as an equal with his doctor, it is vain to hope that more information could equip somebody buying a pension to challenge an expert's advice. When it occasionally transpires that a drugs company has offered financial inducements to a doctor to prescribe its products, the result is a scandal. Yet that is exactly how pensions are sold.

The people who sell pensions can be employed directly by an insurance company; they can be self-employed but "tied" to that company's products; or they can be a so-called "independent financial adviser" (IFA), able to sell any products. All earn commission for each pension they sell. The IFA badge lends an only spurious reputation for independence since advisers still make money each time they sell a product. If they were to advise someone to stay in a company scheme, they would earn nothing at all.

Some may hope that the new compensation that insurance companies will be forced to pay will put a stop to advisers working against their customers' interests. For a short time it may do so. But the practice of self-regulation is being subjected to almost unbearable tension. Insurance companies are supposed to regulate their own salesmen; yet both the companies and the sales staff also want to maximise the number of pensions sold. They will always be tempted to sail as close to the wind as they can.

If the government wants to encourage private provision and personal responsibility, it has a corresponding duty to ensure that consumers are protected against abuse. The only way to do so is to make pensions advice truly independent. That will never be the case while those who advise also stand to benefit from the decisions their clients take.

At the moment, a few advisers charge fees for their consultations but split the commissions with their clients. They will never thrive while others proffer their advice "free". If it were made illegal for insurance companies to pay commission, all advisers could operate on equal terms, charging fees to customers. The pensions themselves would be correspondingly cheaper as the commission element was stripped away. Only then would consumers be able to trust their financial adviser as much as their doctor to have their best interests at heart.

VIVE LA CELEBRATION

The lessons of history for today's tunnellers

The handover of the Channel Tunnel from its constructors to Eurotunnel today is a minor staging-post in the troubled history of this notable feat of civil engineering. The English will mark the occasion in sober fashion with a presentation and symbolic linking of arms at Folkestone. The French have arranged a *son et lumière* celebration at Sangatte with fireworks, free-flowing champagne and a commemorative song.

Tempting though it is to draw conclusions about national character from this contrast, the true test of English and French enthusiasm for the tunnel will be its official opening in May. In the next five months, committees on both sides of the water must decide what cultural events will accompany the inauguration ceremony attended by the Queen and President Mitterrand.

Greatness in civil engineering and greatness in party-giving have traditionally gone together. Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel's tower, no less controversial in its day than the Channel tunnel, was the focus for the celebrations of the centenary of the French Revolution. The English and French organisers of next year's tunnel inauguration should perhaps consider the example set by Ismail Pasha, the Khedive of Egypt, who commissioned *Aida* in celebration of the opening of the Suez Canal. Although musical scholars have quibbled over chronology — Verdi did not receive the synopsis until 1870, a year after the canal opened — there can be little doubt that the Khedive intended the grandiose production of *Aida* in December 1871 as a cultural tribute to the engineering achievement of the canal.

An opera or symphony to celebrate the link between England and France might appeal to some tastes; yet it could scarcely be relied upon to spark popular enthusiasm. A more useful precedent is provided by the opening of the Thames Tunnel in 1843.

Like the Channel Tunnel, Britain's first underwater link encountered fierce resistance in the 17 years Marc Brunel and his son Isambard spent building it. Called "the Great Bore" by *The Times*, the Rotherhithe-Wapping tunnel claimed 12 lives, suffered repeated floods and was always in financial trouble. Yet its opening 150 years ago was a triumph of popular celebration. Flags flew, church bells rang, fun-fair stalls did a brisk trade, and a grand procession including the Lord Mayor marched into the tunnel before feasting at the London Tavern. In its first 15 weeks, a million people visited the Brunels' creation, which the Duke of Wellington declared, with more enthusiasm than aesthetic sense, "the greatest work of art ever contemplated". The Channel Tunnel has yet to earn such plaudits. But a grand opening in May — pitched at citizens as well as statesmen — might persuade the British that the tunnel is a great European wonder.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Implications of revising divorce law

From Mr Brian P. Kitcher

Sir, The Green Paper for the reform of divorce law (details, December 7) has missed a golden opportunity to diminish the real acrimony often manifest on the breakdown of a marriage.

It is all very well attempting to force counselling on a couple who can no longer stand the sight of each other, often to satisfy some sort of stated ideal of supporting traditional, Victorian-style family values. We all know that there used to be fewer divorces, but there was just as much, if not more, adultery and violence.

The real issues to be addressed are those relating to financial settlements to ensure that both parties and any children are financially secure after the divorce. In the main, and I speak from experience, the courts give only as much time to the issue as to appear to have made a fair judgment.

Perhaps a divorce should not be allowed until such issues have been properly agreed with the full weight of the law behind any settlement.

As shown by your report (December 8) of a father who lost his test case in the High Court after his "clean-break" divorce settlement was overturned by the Child Support Agency, the Child Support Act is undermining court judgments already made. Any reform of the law should safeguard settlements entered into in good faith between two parties against subsequent legislation.

The Green Paper sanctions the employment of mediators. Are these mediators going to be properly qualified financial advisers who will safeguard the interests of all parties involved, or will couples merely be required to go through the motions with Relate, however good the motives of that agency?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN KITCHER,
1 Rushfield Bungalows,
High Bar Lane, Thakeham,
Pulborough, West Sussex.
December 8.

From Mr Jack Bleiman

Sir, As a solicitor mediator with the Family Mediators Association (FMA) I found your headline, "Divorce without lawyers the cut-price answer" (December 7), somewhat disconcerting.

There is a considerable body of solicitors trained under the auspices of the FMA who have a role in mediation specifically recognised by the Law Society. When engaged in the process of mediation such solicitors wear the hat of mediators.

Nevertheless, because of their legal background they are in a position to furnish invaluable legal information to the parties, thereby materially contributing to the progress of the mediation.

Yours truly,
JACK BLEIMAN,
12 Ellington Road, Muswell Hill, N2.
December 7.

From Mr Richard Schiffer

Sir, The Lord Chancellor's moves to take some of the confrontation and cost out of divorce have the important effect of demonstrating to those unfortunate enough to be caught up in divorce that there is an alternative to adversarial court action.

His Green Paper has done more to strengthen the role and standing of mediation than we, as specialists in the area of alternative dispute resolution, could have possibly hoped for. Our experience is that, at a time of distress and confusion, divorcing couples are crying out for the relative calm and practicality of mediation as opposed to the legalistic rigidity of the courts.

Mediation is not necessarily a route to prevention of divorce, but it is a short cut to resolving the practical problems in a non-adversarial setting. We know mediation works either in a domestic or business context and I believe what the Green Paper does is to give the public a clear message that traditional law is not the only solution open to them.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SCHIFFER
(Chairman),
ADR Group,
46 Mount Street, W1.
December 7.

From Mr Stephen Soghoian

Sir, Libby Purves ("Child victims of divorce", December 7) is right: the children should come first. Much of the £180 million spent last year by the Legal Aid Fund on divorce cases went to fund parental battles about contact with their children.

The Lord Chancellor's new divorce reforms should include a statutory right for children to have substantial contact with both parents, which could be set aside only by a hearing in front of a jury in open court. This would eliminate tragedies like that of Peter Malkin being driven to abduction in order to see his child (report, December 7).

Sincerely yours,
STEPHEN A. SOGHOIAN,
(Deputy Editor, Families Need Fathers London newsletter),
30 Honiton Road, NW6.
December 7.

From Mr Martin Harvey

Sir, In all the current discussion over British divorce proceedings, too much attention is focused on the stage once the relationship has broken down. Only then is the couple forced to consider the matter of divorce.

I have recently got married in Belgium, where you are required by law to have signed a marriage contract before getting married. My wife and I are married under the basic regime whereby all property held before the marriage returns to the owner and all property acquired after is divided, with all inherited property resting with the heritor.

This is fairly standard, but a more extreme example is the case of some people we know who had their marriage contract drawn up to provide that each had to contribute 15 per cent of their earnings to a special bank account which could be touched only in the case of one of the spouses leaving the other.

The idea of marriage contracts in the UK is very much that they are something only for the extremely wealthy. This attitude should be changed. Such problems are best settled whilst the parties are in a rational state of mind. What better time to think about an equitable solution than before you start married life?

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN HARVEY,
Chaussée de Waterloo, 505,
1050 Brussels.
December 7.

Winners and losers in the Budget

From Mr Neil MacKinnon

Sir, Peter Riddell is absolutely right to "prick the post-Budget euphoria" ("Coruscating on thin ice", December 6). Apart from his comments and those of Mr Kaletsky ("No smoke, no mirrors, just loads of chutzpah", December 1), the press has almost universally welcomed Mr Clarke's Budget. Likewise, some of my fellow City economists have fallen over themselves in applauding a Budget which takes £40 billion in taxation out of the economy over the next three years.

If a Labour Chancellor had given this Budget, I doubt that the reaction in the press and the financial markets would have been so positive. In my view, Mr Clarke's Budget is bad for the economy and will undermine the Treasury's hope of securing their economic growth and PSBR targets. The degree of fiscal tightening that he proposes is unnecessary and counter-productive.

What is more depressing is the way in which the economy is, yet again, being subjected to violent policy changes. Over the past decade or so, the Conservative Government has gone from M3 monetarism (then abandoned) to the ERM (then abandoned) and from the tax cuts of the Thatcher-Lawson years to the massive tax increases of the Lamont and Clarke chancellorships.

Is it any wonder that Britain's economic performance leaves a lot to be desired?

Yours sincerely,
NEIL MacKINNON
(Chief Economist),
Citibank Europe,
PO Box 78, 336 Strand, WC2.
December 6.

From Ms Caroline Bingham

Sir, With the collapse — not reform — of the welfare state, as Mary Ann Sieghart describes it ("I-know-best generation claims the soul of the nanny state", December 3), life "may be more exciting, but it will also be more frightening. The dependent society is dying, the independent society is taking its place". In other words, let the Devil take the hindermost.

Historians of the future will honour the welfare state as a visionary though short-lived attempt by the State to provide a decent standard of life for its old and unfortunate citizens.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE BINGHAM,
164 Regent's Park Road, NW1.
December 3.

From Mr Grahame Leon-Smith

Sir, I am appalled at the Government's proposals to cut unemployment benefit from 12 months to six months (report, December 2). As in other European countries, people who have paid salary-related insurance contributions over many years should be entitled to salary-related benefits if they are unlucky enough to be unemployed through no fault of their own.

In Germany, for example, if you become unemployed you will receive 63 per cent of your last net income for up to three years depending on your age (*Arbeitslosengeld*) followed by 56 per cent of your last net income for the rest of your life if you are unable to to find another job (*Arbeitslosenhilfe*). Why should the British unemployed be treated so badly by comparison?

Any private insurance company which refused to pay out in the event of a genuine claim would be guilty of fraud, but governments can apparently get away with anything with impunity.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAME LEON-SMITH,
The Niven Suite, The Mansion,
Ottershaw Park, Surrey.
December 5.

From Mrs Avril Munson

Sir, The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced his intention to increase duty on tobacco by at least 3 per a year in real terms as he believes that "the approach we are adopting in Britain is the most effective way to reduce smoking".

The Chancellor's job, in my view, is to look after the financial interests of this country — not to engage in social engineering. The effect of this taxation policy is quite simply that heavy smokers like myself will purchase our cigarettes in France.

Yours faithfully,
AVRIL MUNSON,
89-97 St John Street, EC1.
December 2.

From Mr R. P. C. Plowden

Sir, As a severely disabled person who is entirely dependent upon welfare for what little income I get, I am very resentful of all wasted public expenditure.

Targeting? Let's go for it!

Yours faithfully,
R. P. C. PLOWDEN,
22 Prince Edward Mansions, W2.
December 4.

From Mr John L. Jones

Sir, You reported on December 2 that the Budget had added £23 billion to the share value of British companies. Surely this is the answer to the Chancellor's economic problems.

They can give this amount to the Government, thereby almost halving the Budget deficit. This will cause a further jump in the shares; and another similar donation will wipe out the rest of the deficit altogether, at the small cost of one week's increase in share values.

Its finances now being in order, the Government can abandon the recently announced tax increases and go back to its claimed policy of being a tax-cutting government.

Share values will jump for a third time and everyone can live happily ever after. Or am I missing something?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. JONES,
4 Pinewood Close,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
December 2.

Keep London red

From Mrs Sheila Thompson

Sir, The British Tourist Authority says (report, December 3) that London's red buses and the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace must stay to help Britain to attract its potential 24 million foreign tourists.

Our double-deckers are so important to the London scene not just because they are red but because all of them are red. They sail through the traffic like huge punctuation marks, bringing visual order and coherence, and a distinctive identity, to our streets.

Or they did. In these days of deregulation the number 19 is brown and cream and several routes are two-toned in green. It seems that a great carelessness is allowing London to be deconstructed.

Could not some latter-day Henry Ford have told the new bus companies to put their logos on any colour of bus so long as it was red?

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA THOMPSON,
18a Highbury Crescent, N5.
December 6.

A moral echo

From Dr W. E. Trevelyan

Sir, As I read the Chief Rabbi's compelling article ("Holes in the moral fabric", December 3), regretting the disappearance of moral authority and respect for those who should give it, I found myself several times nodding my head in silent but wholehearted agreement.

But ... haven't I read something like this before? Probably 60 years ago? Ah, yes:

> The bourgeoisie has stripped of its halo every occupation hitherto honoured and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the man of science, into its paid wage-labourers.
>
> The bourgeoisie has torn away from the family its sentimental veil, and has reduced the family relation to a mere money relation.

Dear old Karl, of course. *The Communist Manifesto*, no less.

Yours faithfully,
W. E. TREVELYAN,
The Knolls, Epsom Downs,
Epsom, Surrey.
December 3.

Malta convoy

From Mr H. B. Livingstone

Sir, The obituary of Rear Admiral Erroll Sinclair (December 2) mentions his command of HMS *Antelope* during Operation Harpoon in June 1942, aimed at relieving Malta, but states that only two out of 17 merchant ships reached harbour.

I served on HMS *Liverpool*, torpedoed in the first major attack on the convoy (being later taken in tow by HMS *Antelope*), and am quite clear, my view being from *Liverpool's* bridge, that we had only six merchant ships in our convoy, accompanied by 32 escort vessels of various sizes.

It is correct that only two out of those merchant ships reached harbour but to report that only two out of 17 did so suggests a disaster on a scale similar to that of the later ill-fated PQ17 on the Russian run. Operation Harpoon, with six merchant ships, was timed to run from Gibraltar to Malta at the same time as Operation Vigorous, to come from Alexandria and the eastern Mediterranean, with 11 merchant ships. Perhaps that is how the writer obtained a figure of 17.

Operation Vigorous was not a success and had to turn back to Alexandria.

Yours faithfully,
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December 2.

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Jobs for Europe

From Professor Ken Coates, MEP for Nottingham, and Mr Henry McCubbin, MEP for Scotland North East (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, On Friday the heads of governments in the European Union are faced with crucial decisions on how to tackle unemployment. The British Government has produced a Green Paper, *Growth, Competitiveness, and Employment in the European Community*, which recommends a policy of deregulation in Europe similar to the one it has itself followed with such zest.

An analysis of the paper by a group of Labour MEPs shows that 14 years of deregulation in Britain have resulted in the loss of over 2.9 million full-time jobs, while only 1.4 million part-time jobs have been created in their stead. This represents a net loss of the full-time equivalent of more than 2.2 million.

The way to expand the market is not to deregulate, but to redistribute income to poorer regions and people, and to generate employment to replace declining industries.

It is also important to reduce the time people are compelled to spend at work to earn a living. Britons work the most overtime, enjoy the lowest holiday entitlements and possess one of the lowest levels of skills in the European Union. Meantime, three to four million of their fellows are without any work.

If we shorten the working year and give people many more opportunities for education and training throughout their working life, this will make room for those excluded from working life altogether.

Yours sincerely,
KEN COATES,
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December 7.

A jazz great

From Mr Steve Voce

Sir, In his letter (December 4) Professor Sharp notes the fact that it was the custom of the jazz musician Bruce Turner to address everybody of either sex as "Dad".

He will, I am sure, appreciate Turner's logic when he composed and recorded a mambo, in entitling it *Dadbo*.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE VOCE,
15 Ashbourne Avenue,
Blundellsands,
Liverpool.
December 4.

Taking the chill off

From Mrs Betty Moyle

Sir, Patricia Woods calls for the collection of unwanted furs, for transmission to Bosnia (letter, December 2). She will be pleased to learn that Oxfam is conducting another "cold front" appeal this winter and is already sending thousands of warm coats to Bosnia, including furs.

Oxfam no longer sells fur garments in its shops but will gladly accept them for the appeal.

Yours faithfully,
BETTY MOYLE,
Calverton Cottage, Calverton Lane,
Calverton, Buckinghamshire.

Change of pitch

From Mr Simon D. Trevethick

Sir, It would be most improper to declare rugby the national game rather than soccer as suggested by Mr Alan Overton (letter, December 2). Frankly, as any gentleman would concur, to grasp a fellow by the legs when he's in full flight is just not cricket.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON TREVETHICK,
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Crawley, West Sussex.
December 3.

Rare sighting

From Mr Colin Elliott

Sir, Chiswick in west London offers a companion to Mr Hickley's *rara avis*, the humped pelican (letter, December 1). There are signs that warn drivers: "Humped zebra crossing." Truly a horse designed by a committee!

Yours faithfully,
COLIN ELLIOTT,
Upwey, Tanyard Lane,
North Wootton,
Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
December 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 9: The Queen arrived at Leicester Station this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks) and the Mayor of Leicester (Councillor Henry Dunphy).

Her Majesty drove to Leicester Royal Infirmary and was received by the Chairman (Mr Philip Hammersley).

The Queen toured the hospital, escorted by the Chairman, and afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty this afternoon visited De Montfort University and was received by the Chancellor (Dame Anne Mueller).

The Queen toured the university and honoured the Chancellor with her presence at Luncheon.

Her Majesty subsequently unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen later visited the Avalon Community Education Project and was received by the Chairman, Avalon's Community Council (Mr Geoffrey Pool).

Her Majesty toured the building and met groups connected with the project.

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robin Janvrin and Captain Peter Hopkins were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, today attended a trustees meeting and Luncheon at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10.

His Royal Highness was represented by Sir Brian McGrath at the Memorial Service for Mr Innes Ireland which was held in St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1, this afternoon.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 9: The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant for Women in the Royal Navy, this morning received Captain Julia Simpson WRNS upon assuming the appointment of Chief Naval Woman Officer.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, later attended a meeting of the Advisory Board at Church House, Westminster, London, SW1.

The Princess Royal, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon attended the National Conference "Women's Safety — Everybody's Business", BAFTA Centre, 195 Piccadilly, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, later visited Wandsworth Citizens Advice Bureau, 17 Ram Street, London SW18.

The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, this evening attended the Annual Carol Concert at Guildhall, London EC2. Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 9: Air Commodore Gordon McRobbie today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Royal Air Force Central Flying School, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commandant of the School.

Air Commodore Simon Bostock also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commandant of the Royal Air Force Central Flying School.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 9: The Prince of Wales this morning received the Minister for Trade (Mr Richard Needham MP).

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, this afternoon attended a meeting of the Urban Villages Forum in K Warehouse, Royal Docks, Docklands, London E16.

Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a fund-raising inauguration of the Friends of Gdansk Theatre at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 8: The Princess of Wales today visited Northern Ireland and was received by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (the Rt. Hon. Sir Patrick Mayhew MP).

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Down, Colonel William Brownlow.

Her Royal Highness this morning opened the Child Development Centre, Ulster Hospital.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Home-Start Consultancy, this afternoon attended a Reception at Hillsborough Castle.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Relate, later attended the launch of the Northern Ireland Relate Teen Project, Hillsborough Castle.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 9: The Princess of Wales this morning presented the ABSA Awards for business and the arts at the Royal National Theatre, London SE1.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 9: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited the Roxboro Group Limited, Exning Road, Newmarket, and was met on arrival by Major Stephen Ryder (Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Pauls Malt, Eastern Way, Bury St. Edmunds and later visited Otley College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Otley, near Ipswich, Suffolk. Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal Choral Society, this evening attended a Classic FM Charitable Concert at St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4, followed by dinner at the Baring Foundation, Bishopsgate, London EC2. Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, President, the Royal Northern College of Music, this afternoon presided at the Congregation of Awards Ceremony at 124 Oxford Road, Manchester and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a concert at the College.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Luncheon

De Montfort University

Her Majesty the Queen attended a luncheon given in her honour yesterday, by the Chancellor, Dame Anne Mueller, and the Chief-Executive and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kenneth Barker, on the occasion of the opening of the Queens Building at De Montfort University. Those present included:

The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and the Hon Mrs Brooks, the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and the Hon Mrs Fremantle, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire and Lady Nevile, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire and Mrs Murray-Philipson.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester, the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and Mrs Lucas, the Bishop of Leicester and Mrs Butler, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lincoln, The Mayor and Mayoress of Milton Keynes, the Mayor and Mayoress of North Bedfordshire, the Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Mrs Povey, the Chief Executive of Leicestershire County Council and Mrs Prince, the Town Clerk of Leicester and Mrs Price-Jones, the Vice-Chancellor of Leicester University, Mr K Beaumont, Dr D Bethel, Professor and Mrs A Chernikov, Professor E Esteve-Coll, Mr R Collins, Dr M Collins, Mr I Farookhi, Mr B H Ford, Mr N Forman, MP, Councillor and Mrs T Griffiths, Mr R N Gunn, Sir Ronald Halstead, Mr R Hill, Captain P Hopkins, Lady Susan Hussey, Mr R Janvrin, Colonel Sir Andrew and Lady Martin, Mr C A Short, Dr U Singh, Mr A Spencer, Dr J Valentine, Mr K Vaz, MP, and Mrs Vaz, Dr and Mrs J White, Mr and Mrs J M S Whitehead, Mr K Wood-Allum, members of the Senior Executive of De Montfort University and Principals of Associate Colleges.



Ray Wilkins, the former England international footballer, with his wife Jackie outside Buckingham Palace yesterday after receiving his MBE from the Prince of Wales. Others who received their honours included Anne Sewell, MBE, the British Red Cross nurse who spent 15 months tending front-line casualties in the former Yugoslavia, Alan Tuffin, MBE, former president of the TUC, and the golfer Michelle Walker, OBE

Birthdays today

Mr John Birt, director-general, BBC, 49; Viscount Boyne, 62; Mr Kenneth Branagh, actor and director, 33.

Sir John Collins, chief executive designate, Vestey Group of Companies, 52; Professor B.W. Cunliffe, president, Society of Antiquaries of London, 54; Mrs Ann Gloag, co-founder, Stagecoach Holdings, 51; Miss Rumer Godden, writer, 86; Lord Harris of High Cross, 69; Mr Nicholas Henderson, racehorse trainer, 43; Sir Clifford Jarrett, civil servant, 84.

Mr Michael Jopling, MP, 63; Miss J.M. Kenworthy, principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 60; Mr Jahangir Khan, squash player, 30; Mr Nicolas Kynaston, organist, 52; Mr James McAdam, charman, Signet Group, 63; Mr Raphael Maklouf, sculptor, 56; Mr Michael Manley, Jamaican politician, 69.

Sir Jeremy Morse, former chairman, Lloyds Bank, 65; Sir John Peel, surgeon-gynaecologist, 89; Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC, 53; Mr Angus Stirling, director-general, National Trust, 60; Mr C.W. Turner, rector, Glasgow Academy, 60; Mr M.T. Wright, former director, National Heritage Memorial Fund, 57.

Awards

Sandford St Martin Trust

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev and Right Hon George Leonard Carey, presented the Sandford St Martin Trust Awards for outstanding religious programmes on television during the past two years at a reception and luncheon held yesterday at Lambeth Palace. The Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster and Chairman of the Trustees, received the guests.

Memorial services

Mr Innes Ireland

The Duke of Edinburgh, President-in-Chief of the British Racing Drivers Club, was represented by Sir Brian McGrath at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Innes Ireland held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. Prince Michael of Kent was represented by Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club.

The Rev John McIndoe officiated. Miss Christianne Ireland, daughter, read the lesson. Mr Martin Hone, Mr Keith Schellenberg, Mr Tommy Sopwith, Chairman of the British Racing Drivers Club, and Mr Jackie Stewart gave addresses.

Lord Alexander of Potterhill

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Alexander of Potterhill was held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster. The Rev Stewart Hynd officiated. Professor John Tomlinson and the Hon Bruce Alexander, son, gave readings. Mr Stuart Maclure and Mr Roland Smith gave addresses.

Mr Alan Cumming

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alan Cumming was held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral. Canon Roy White, Vice-Provost, officiated, assisted by Canon David Rhys and the Rev Nicolas Stacey, who said the prayers of thanksgiving.

The Rev Derek Baker and the Rev Christopher Byers read the lessons. Mr Alan McLintock, Chairman of the Woolwich Building Society, and Mr C.H. Brooman gave addresses.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS

Giovanni Guarini, poet, Ferrara, Italy, 1538; John Bradshaw, president of the judges at the trial of King Charles I, Stockport, 1602; César Franck, composer, Liège, 1822.

Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1830; Adolf Loos, architect, Brno, Austria, 1870; Harold Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis, field marshal, Governor-General of Canada 1946-52, London, 1891.

DEATHS: Paolo Uccello, painter, Florence, 1475; Edmund Gunter, mathematician, London, 1626; Rowland Hill, 1st Viscount Hill, general, 1842; Alfred Nobel, industrialist and founder of the prizes bearing his name, San Remo, 1896; Sir Joseph Hooker, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1865-85, Sunningdale, Berkshire, 1911.

Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, London, 1928; Luigi Pirandello, dramatist and novelist, Nobel Laureate 1934, Rome, 1936; Damon Runyon, writer, 1946.

Cuba became an independent state, 1898.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will deliver the Countryside Council for Wales lecture at the Orangery, Margham Park, Swansea, at 11.15.

The Princess of Wales will open the St Matthew's Community Centre at Meadow Row, SE1, at 11.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit HM Young Offender Institution at Brightons, Falkirk, at 11.00; and as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend Pringle of Scotland's gala dinner and fashion show at the National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh, at 7.30.

Reception

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco were hosts last night at a reception held at City Hall before the lighting-up ceremony of the Oslo Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square. The Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs Eliassen, the Lord Mayor of Oslo and the Secretary of State for National Heritage were among the guests.

Correction

Mrs Philippa Swire

In the memorial service for Colonel George Kidston-Montgomerie of Southannan reported yesterday we incorrectly described Mrs Philippa Swire as Mrs Humphrey Swire. We apologise for the error.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.E. Aaron and Miss C.E. l'Anson

The engagement is announced between David Elliot, son of Mr W. Aaron and Mrs P. Noone, of New York City, and Catherine Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George l'Anson, of Swannington, Leicestershire, and Sultanate of Oman.

Dr K. Bashir and Dr G. Broster

The engagement is announced between Khaver, elder son of the late Mr Mir Bashir and of Mrs Qamar Bashir, of London, and Gillian Margaret, daughter of the late Mr Joseph Broster and of Mrs Eva Broster, of Stockport.

Mr J.W.H. Drew and Miss F.J.C. Fletcher

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs G.St Q. Drew, of Little Eaton, Derbyshire, and Fiona (Bobbie), elder daughter of Dr and Mrs E.W.L. Fletcher, of Sandy Lodge, Old Headington, Oxford.

Mr H.E. Floyd and Miss L. Castillo

The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Sir Giles Floyd, Bt, and Lady Gillian Kertesz, and Leonor, daughter of the late Señor Sereio Castillo and of Señora Sereio Castillo, of Santiago de Chile.

Mr D.J.D. Roxburgh and Miss B. Jung

The engagement is announced between Daryl, only son of Mr and Mrs Darrell S. Bean, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Baerbel, only daughter of Mrs Ingrid Jung, of Meitmann, Germany, and the late Mr Werner Jung.

Mr J.F. Grüter and Miss C.L. Tolley

The engagement is announced between Jurrien, now of Florida, USA, younger son of Mr and Mrs Heinrich Grüter, of Accra, Ghana, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Tolley, of Maresfield, East Sussex.

Dr R.A. McNeilly and Miss H.L. Nixon

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Dr and Mrs J.C. McNeilly, of Barkingside, Essex, and Heidi, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs I.A. Nixon, of Duddington, Lincolnshire.

Mr A.J.R. Whittome and Miss C.E. Coupe

The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Whittome, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Carmen, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Coupe, of Littleborough, Lancashire.

Mr T.M.C. Tabor and the Hon Rebecca Runcie

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs G.M. Tabor, of South Cerney, Gloucestershire, and Rebecca, only daughter of the Right Rev Lord and Lady Runcie, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.B. Galliford and Miss B.S. Smeed

The engagement is announced between Miles, son of Mr and Mrs P. Galliford, of Rugby, and Belinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Smeed, of East Hanningfield, Essex.

Mr P.J. Robinson and Miss L.A. Wright

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs K. Robinson, of Chawton, Hampshire, and Lucy, daughter of Major and Mrs D.J. Wright, of Pountley Copse, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr T.D.B. Barlow and Miss M.E. Kimpton

The marriage took place yesterday at Chelsea Old Church of Mr David Barlow, second son of Sir John and Lady Barlow, of Bulkeley, Cheshire, to Miss Melissa Kimpton, daughter of Mr Andrew Kimpton, of Tarrington, Herefordshire, and Mrs Kathleen Kimpton, of Chelsea. The Rev P.D. Elvy and Prebendary J.T.C.B. Collins officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charles Aston, Otto Bruce, Eliza Hazlerigg, Amelia Hazlerigg, Emma Paget, Anna Halliday and Jessica Kimpton. Captain Michael Barlow was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal Automobile Club and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr G.H.R. Bondonneau and Miss C.M. Maitland-Robinson

A service of blessing was held on Saturday, December 4, at St Paul's, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, after the marriage on Friday, December 3, at Westminster Town Hall, of Mr Guy Henri René Bondonneau, only son of the late Mr H.M.E. Bondonneau and of Mrs M. Bondonneau, of Paris, and Miss Caroline Melanie Maitland-Robinson, youngest daughter of the late Mr J.W.C. Maitland-Robinson, MBE, MA, and of Mrs J.L. Maitland-Robinson, of Jersey. The Rev A.C.C. Courtauld officiated and the choir was led by Mr J. Morgan. Mr J. Brendel was best man.

A reception was held at The Ivy.

Dinners

Bankers' Taxation Circle

Sir David Walker was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Bankers' Taxation Circle held last night at Cottons Centre, Tooley Street. Mr R.C. Bowden presided.

Durbar Club

Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the BBC, was the chief guest and speaker at a dinner of the Durbar Club held on December 8 at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. Mr Narinda Saroop was in the Chair.

Glass Sellers' Company

Mr John S. Horne, Master of the Glass Sellers' Company, presented Petty Officer Writer Peter Hardgrave of HMS Spartan with the Glass Sellers' Tankard 1993 at a dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. The Renter Warden, Mr Robert Pooley and Mr Paul C. Northam also spoke.

The Maccabaeans

Lord Justice Balcombe, President of the Maccabaeans, presided at the annual Chanukah dinner held last night at the King David Suite. Lord Taylor of Gosforth was the guest of honour. Lord Woolf and Professor Barrie Jay also spoke.

School news

Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon

The Governors are pleased to announce the following Sixth Form Scholarships and Exhibitions for September 1994: Scholarship: Louise Sweet; Science Scholarship: Katrina Venner; Arts Scholarship: Heather Flavell; Languages Scholarship: Katey Korzenietz; Music Scholarship: Gemma Charles; Home Economics Scholarship: Kirsty Mather; Science Exhibition: Charlotte Smith; Music Exhibition: Julie Nex; Home Economics Exhibition: Sarah Heard; Exhibition: Lawrence Austin.

Appointments

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Isaiah 55 : 7 (REB)

BIRTHS

CLARKE - On November 26th, to Frances (née Layton) and Martin, a daughter, Eleanor Mary Flower.

DAVIES - On 9th December, to Fiona and George, a son, Barnaby.

DYCKHOFF - On November 18th, to Sarah (née Skinner) and Martin, a daughter, Isabel Arnette Louise, a sister for Lydia.

HULL - On 2nd December 1993 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jo-Jo (née Lee) and Jonathan, a son, Gabriel Henry Folliet.

LEATHAM - On November 16th 1993, to Melanie (née Prynne) and Edward, a son, Thomas Ashley.

MERLOTT CHITTY - On December 7th, to Nathalie (née Mackie), wife of Christopher, a son, Rupert and a daughter, Anastasia.

ORATORE - On 7th December 1993, to Vincent and Helene, a daughter, Alexandra Clare. Many thanks to Mr Ian Fergusson and all the staff at the Lansdell Suite, St Thomas' Hospital.

PETRI - On 7th December 1993, to Helen and Charles, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Florence and Isabel.

SANTARELLI - On December 8th in Rome, to Rosalind (née Baker) and Isidoro, a daughter, Margherita.

THORNEYCROFT - On December 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Jenny (née Archbold) and Marc, a son, Charles, a brother for Hugo and Venetia.

DEATHS

ABRAHAM - Iona Margaret (née Stirling), passed away on Wednesday 8th December. Funeral at 2.30 pm Thursday 16th December at Powerstock, Dorset.

ASTLEY - On December 8th, suddenly and peacefully at home, George Delaval aged 78, beloved husband of Diana, father of Hugh and Sue, grandfather of Caroline, Christopher and Alexandra. Service 12 noon Tuesday 14th December at Bournemouth Crematorium. Friends welcome, no flowers by request.

BACKHOUSE - On December 7th peacefully at home Jonathan (Jock) aged 86 years. Much loved father of Joanna, David and William, grandfather of Joanna, David and William, great-grandfather. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Great Horkesley, near Colchester, on Thursday 16th December at 12 noon. No flowers but donations if desired to British Red Cross Society c/o W.H. Shephard, 93 High Street, Colchester CO1 1TH.

BROWN - On 9th December in St George's Hospital after a short illness, Herbert Walter Francis Brown, beloved husband of Evelyn.

CARBERY - On 8th December 1993, Dom Joseph Carbery, Monk of Ampleforth, aged 86. Funeral at Ampleforth Abbey at 12 noon on Tuesday 14th December.

CARNES - On December 4th 1993 peacefully in hospital after a short illness The Rev Gerald Lumbton Carnes aged 81 years. Will be missed by all his friends especially the Blanc family. Funeral on Wednesday December 15th at 10 am at St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Hampton Wick, Middlesex. Donation if wished to St John the Baptist Church. Flowers to Fredk Paine, 102 High Street, Teddington, (081) 977-1627 by 9 am.

CHURCHER - On Wednesday December 8th, peacefully at home, Rossmond (Rozzie), beloved wife of Jack for 56 years. Mother of Caroline, Angela and Bryan and grandmother of Pippa, James, Ali, Oliver, Nicola, Katie and Alex. Funeral private.

CURLING - On December 3rd, passed away peacefully in hospital after a brave fight, Claude Douglas, deeply loved husband of Vera. Will be much missed by niece Eileen, nephew John and family, cousins, many friends, associates and acquaintances for his inspiring intellect, gentle kindness and profoundness. Private funeral on December 16th at 4 pm. Memorial Service will be held and announced soon. Donations to Geomorpsychodynamics Scholarship Fund (cheques payable to V Curling) preferred. Enquiries and flowers to W. Hodges, telephone: (0732) 454457.

DINGEMANS - On Thursday December 9th, peacefully at home, George Albert aged 90 years. Beloved husband of Marjorie, father of Peter, Norman, Patrick, Jennifer and Joanna. Also much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Steyning, West Sussex, on Monday December 13th at 2pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the N.S.P.C.C. may be sent to Chalcraft Funeral Directors Ltd., Chequer Yard, High Street, Steyning, BN44 3RE.

HARDING - David Charles O.B.E., much loved brother of Linda, died on December 7th after a courageous struggle against cancer. A private funeral service will be held at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Hyde Park Crescent, London W2, on Friday December 17th 2.30 pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired to the Alzheimers Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greenscourt Place, London SW1. A Memorial Service will be held early in 1994.

HERBERT - Mary Cochrane née McIver suddenly at Luton & Dunstable Hospital Sunday 28th November. Devoted mother & grandmother, who's wisdom, generosity and courage guide us still. Family service 3pm, 10th December at the Vale Crematorium, Stopsley. Enquiries to W. Austin & Sons. Tel 0438 316623.

HIRSHFIELD - Desmond, Lord Hirshfield, passed away December 6th. Much loved and much missed by Brenda, Lady Hirshfield and her son and his wife.

HOWITT - Sibyl Mary, on December 9th 1993, peacefully in hospital in Nottingham following a long illness fought with immense courage. Wife of the late Kenneth Howitt and beloved mother of Patrick. The funeral service will take place on Thursday December 16th at 10.30 am at St Jude's Church, Mapperley, Nottingham and will be followed by a private cremation. Flowers and all enquiries to A.W. Lynn, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham, NG5 1GF.

KENT - John aged 64 years, on December 8th, after a long illness bravely borne. He leaves a widow Joan, sons David and Paul and five grandchildren and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday December 14th at 2pm. Flowers or donations for The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation c/o Peter Jackson Funeral Director, Mons, High Street, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset, BA8 0RB, tel: (0963) 62570.

LEE - On 8th December, very peacefully at home, Desmond, beloved husband of Elizabeth and very loving father and grandfather. Private funeral. Memorial Service later. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to the Treasurer, Granchester P.C.C., Merton House, Granchester, Cambridge.

LOVELL - Mary Joyce, wife of Sir Bernard, on December 8th peacefully at home in her 78th year. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Swethenham, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday December 14th. Family flowers only. Donations to Charity Search, 25 Portview Road, Avonmouth, Bristol BS11 9LD.

McLEAN - Passed away 7th December, Robert William Hall (Mac). Beloved husband of Stella and father of Leslie and Brady. Will be dreadfully missed. Funeral Service to take place at St Martin's Parish Church, Ruislip, on Thursday 16th December at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. All enquiries to H.G. Grinstead Ltd. Funeral Directors tel: (0895) 623000.

ROSTRON - Christina Victoria, peacefully in hospital on 8th December after a short illness. Vicky was 67; she is greatly missed. Funeral, Friday 17th December in Tunbridge Wells. Enquiries - Simon Rostron, Garden Flat, 146 Petherton Road, London N5 2RS.

SAVILLE - On December 7th, peacefully after a brief illness, Ann Ross, widow of John. Much loved mother of Catherine and Richard and beloved grandmother. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Wokingham, on Tuesday December 14th at 2.30 pm. Memorial Service in Stogumber at date to be announced. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Alexandra Rose Day Charity. Enquiries: Aylings (0483) 67333.

SPINDLER - On 7th December, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely borne, John Edward, much loved husband of Jocelyn, father of Jane, Sally, Guy and Sarah and grandfather of Rory, William and Jonathan. Donations if wished to the Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

THOMPSON - On 8th December, peacefully at home in her sleep, Erica, beloved wife of Nicolas and much loved mother of Sarah, Rupert and Simon. A funeral service will take place at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, at 12.15 pm on Wednesday 15th December. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon (071) 937-0757.

THORPE - On 8th December 1993, peacefully at Wexham Park Hospital, Leslie Jack, devoted husband of the late Kath, dearest father of Ann and Barrie and dearly loved father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at St Peter's Church, Burnham, on Thursday 16th December at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Thames Valley Hospice c/o G. Smith Ltd., Funeral Directors, Woburn Green, Bucks. HP10 0EE.

WEBB - Peacefully on December 8th at home after a long illness bravely borne, Janet Ann, much loved wife of John and dearest mother of Sara and Caroline. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Awbridge, nr. Romsey, Hants., on Thursday December 16th at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Wessex Cancer Trust may be sent to A.H. Chedzey, Funeral Directors, Romsey, Hants.

WISDOM - Professor Arthur John Terence Dibben. Died peacefully on December 9th at The Hope Nursing Home in Cambridge. The funeral will be private.

YALLOP - On 7th December at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Howard John. Husband of Mary and father of Mark and Rachel. A family funeral will be held on Friday 10th December at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Family flowers only please. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the New Year at St Michaels Fairway. Donations, if desired, to the Allhallows Museum Honiton, c/o E A Dodd & Son, Silver Street, Honiton, Devon, EX14 8QL.

YOUNG - On 7th December 1993 at Kingston, Ontario, Air Vice-Marshal Gordon Young CBE. Husband of Pamela, father of Christine and Rosemary, grandfather of Jonathan and William, David and Alexandra. A Memorial Service will be held later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

POLLOCK - (née Reckitt). The Memorial Service for the late Barbara Pollock, Winderwath, Penrith, Cumbria, will be held at St Lawrence Church, Appleby-in-Westmorland, on Monday 20th December at 2 pm. Donations if desired may be made to Rydal Hall Diocesan Conference Centre c/o Walkers Funeral Directors, Tynefield House, Penrith.

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BIRTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES

DANNY BLANCHFLOWER

Danny Blanchflower, Tottenham Hotspur and Northern Ireland footballer and newspaper columnist, died yesterday aged 67, after suffering from Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Belfast on February 10, 1926.



TWICE Footballer of the Year in his thirties and capped 56 times by Northern Ireland, Danny Blanchflower lacked pace, his legs looked deceptively frail, he was not a firm tackler and nor was he even a great long passer of the ball. But he controlled games with his intellect, the ball seeming to home in on him constantly to be dispatched by his probing passes in the direction where it would do most damage. A player of great wit and resource on the field, he was equally fluent off it, whether arguing for new tactics in the dressing room or pointing out the ineptitude of soccer's rulers in his newspaper column.

Blanchflower began his career with Glentoran in Northern Ireland before joining rough-hewn, second division Barnsley in 1949 after a spell in the RAF, which also took him, briefly, to St Andrews University. The first of his 56 international caps followed quickly in 1950, but Barnsley was not an ideal place for his talents; asking for a ball in training as a change from the endless running, he was told that if players didn't see it during the week, they would be more hungry for it on Saturdays. Blanchflower's reply, that he might not recognise it on Saturdays, only added to his reputation for being too clever by half.

His next move, to Aston Villa, a big club but apparently in a state of terminal decline, also offered little scope for his intelligent passing. Finally a move to London, his spiritual home, was more rewarding as — disregarding a bid by Arsenal — Blanchflower joined Tottenham for £30,000 in December 1954.

Even that proved not to be easy, however. The health of Arthur Rowe, the great manager of the 1951 championship side, was declining, and he was soon replaced by his assistant, Jimmy Anderson, who was unwilling to give Blanchflower *carte blanche* as his captain, and at one stage even left him out of the side.

Fortunately, there was consolation with Northern Ireland as Peter Doherty, a hero to Blanchflower's generation, took over the national side. With Blanchflower as an essential aide-de-camp, and a sudden flowering of fine players in the province, including Jimmy McIlroy, Danny's younger brother Jackie, Peter McParland and Billy Bingham, and a brave goalkeeper in Harry Gregg, Doherty made Northern Ireland a force to be reckoned with, beating England at Wembley in 1957 and going on to reach the quarter-finals of the 1958 World Cup.

That year, with Tottenham also having a good season, Blanchflower won the Footballer of the Year award for the first time. There could no longer be any doubt about his inspirational qualities as a midfield general and as captain, and as he entered the twilight of his career, his club career blossomed into vibrant, colourful life after Bill Nicholson replaced Anderson in 1958.

Blanchflower's partnership with Nicholson is sometimes portrayed as a love match made in heaven. It was never that, the dour Yorkshireman not always understanding the loquacious Irishman, and certainly not sharing his romantic vision. But after a prickly start, in which Blanchflower was dropped and asked for a transfer, which was refused, it prospered. Nicholson was a good enough judge of football to appreciate what Blanchflower could give to turn a very good team into a great one.

With John White, Blanchflower's creative ally, Dave Mackay, Cliff Jones, Bill Brown and, in the latter period, Jimmy Greaves, they had a core of great players, but there was no doubt that the presiding genius, in what many believe was the finest British club side of all time, was Blanchflower. The team's appeal transcended the usual barriers and Blanchflower, in particular, thrived on and off the field, writing a *New Statesman* column and forming a friendship with A. J. Ayer, the philosopher and Spurs supporter.

In 1960 Spurs just missed the championship, but in 1960-61 they became the first team this century to win the League and Cup double, Blanchflower's contribution to this double-triumph being recognised by his choice as Footballer of the Year for the second time.

The following season, with the addition of Jimmy Greaves, they again won the Cup and were desperately unfortunate to lose to Benfica in the semi-finals of the European Cup. A year later that was partially rectified as they won the European Cup Winners Cup, becoming the first English side to win a European competition, with an exhilarating display, beating Atletico Madrid 5-1 in what was to be Blanchflower's swansong at 37.

For a time he stayed at Spurs as assistant manager, but he found little to do and a sinecure had little appeal to his questing nature. Instead, he went into journalism, initially with *The Observer* and subsequently with the *Sunday Express*, a paper to which he lent distinction with his passion and satirical humour for nearly 25 years.

It was a sad reflection on football that it had no niche for his outstanding talents inside the game. In 1973, when Bill Nicholson resigned as manager and Tottenham sank to the bottom of the first division, the idea of rebuilding his great love fired Blanchflower's romantic imagination, and there were suggestions that he and John Giles would take over as a duo. It was too threatening a combination for a backward-looking board, however, and it failed to materialise.

Instead, Blanchflower finally responded to the call of Northern Ireland, taking over in 1976 as his country plumbed the depths in the mid-1970s. If the players were sometimes bemused by his team talks, they responded to his enthusiasm, and in his four years he began the recovery which was carried on so successfully in the 1980s by Billy Bingham.

His belated move into club management came in December 1978 at Chelsea, then in severe financial trouble. It was not a success, Blanchflower failing to save the team from relegation. After nine months he resigned, devoting himself to journalism, and his passion for golf, until reaching retirement age. That coincided with the arrival of a new sports editor who, to Blanchflower's sadness, made no attempt to extend his contract.

By then the death of his second wife had taken a lot out of him and, with arthritis restricting his movement, he lost a lot of his sparkle and from that point on led a surprisingly reclusive existence.

Danny Blanchflower may not have been the greatest attacking wing-half of all time, although there were not many better, but it is hard to think of a more influential footballer, as both a controlling midfield organiser and as an inspirational captain. His feeling for football was summed up in his most quoted aphorism: "People think that football is about winning. It isn't. It's about glory." A romantic to the core, he had a tangled, sometimes unhappy, emotional life, but as a sportsman and as an articulate spokesman for football he had few equals.

At times his taste for paradox and sheer love of words themselves led him into untenable positions, and he occasionally indulged in sentimental whimsy, but his ability to prick pomposity and hypocrisy was at the heart of his journalism, which did not endear him to officialdom any more than his outspokenness had during his playing career.

The wit and dazzling rhetoric hid a deep passion for the game and its values. Much cleverer than most of the people he came into contact with, including most football club directors and managers, Blanchflower retired behind the shelter of satire to hide the deep hurt and frustration at being hidebound and constrained by little men and blind prejudice.

Danny Blanchflower was married three times. He had been living with his daughter Stacey in Stanwell, Middlesex. For the past three years he had suffered from Alzheimer's disease. After entering hospital for a check-up he fell over and broke his hip. His condition deteriorated until he fell into a coma.

VISCOUNT SIMON

Viscount Simon, CMG, a former chairman of the Port of London Authority, died on December 5 aged 91. He was born on September 2, 1902.



LORD SIMON'S 13 years as chairman of the Port of London Authority saw the start of a technological revolution which was to re-shape and refurbish London's docks. He presided over the first changes brought about by containerisation and the growth of large bulk carriers, which were eventually to shift the centre of operations to Tilbury and other deep water terminals down river. Few could have been better qualified for the task. Not only was Simon an authority on shipping but his informal approach and liberal views well equipped him for coping with the social issues.

He made a point of touring the docks every weekend, meeting workers and listening to their concerns while his wife "Jimmy", a former ballet dancer, entertained staff in their flat at St Katharine's Dock. Their pet dog had a unique special pass which enabled him to "go walkies" around the moat at the Tower of London.

When he finally retired as the PLA's last full-time chairman in 1971, Simon took the unusual step of printing his Devon address in the staff journal. "Drop in if you happen to be passing" ran the invitation to his 9,000 employees, some of whom did.

John Gilbert Simon was the only son of the first viscount, Lord Chancellor in Churchill's wartime coalition and a leading, if notoriously chilly, figure in British politics for half-a-century. But his mother died when he was born and Gilbert (as he was usually known though sometimes called "J" by his family) spent much of his childhood in Pembrokeshire with grandparents.

He won scholarships to Winchester and Balliol, where he read chemistry — because, he said, he had hardly been taught it while at school. His interest in scientific research was to stay with him.

But he entered the business world on leaving Oxford, joining the trading combine Mackinnon Mackenzie and being sent out to India as a manager. He stayed there until 1938, travelling throughout the Middle and Far East, before moving to P & O.

Simon spent the war working for the Ministry of War Transport, from which he was appointed CMG in 1947. It was not until the same year that he returned to P & O as their managing director. He was made deputy chairman four years later and continued with them until 1958, when he left for the Port of London Authority.

On succeeding his father in the viscountcy in 1954, Simon sat in the House of Lords as a cross-bencher. After retiring from the PLA, however, he took the Liberal whip and became an active participant in debates. He spoke frequently on shipping and related matters, including energy and oil pollution, and often acted as deputy speaker — sitting on the woolsack which his father had once occupied. He travelled to Westminster two or three times a week until he was 85, when illness first stopped him. But he still had order papers sent on to him, while his wife read him *Hansard* aloud until the day before he died.

Lord Simon met his wife when she sailed to Calcutta to teach ballet and they celebrated their diamond wedding three years ago. He is survived by her and by one daughter and a son Jan — who now succeeds his father as the third viscount.

SIR DESMOND LEE

Sir Desmond Lee, Headmaster of Winchester College, 1954-68, died on December 8 aged 85. He was born on August 30, 1908.



DESMOND LEE was an outstanding figure in the field of education, whose academic career began and ended in Cambridge but which also included the headmasterships of two great public schools, Clifton and Winchester. A conservative by nature and a conformist by instinct — he was a notable opponent of the recommendations of the Labour Party's Public Schools Commission in 1968 — he nevertheless reflected the predominantly cautious mood of the independent schools of his time, twice serving as chairman of the Headmasters' Conference.

Henry Desmond Pritchard Lee was the son of Canon Henry Lee and spent his early life in a vicarage, deriving from his upbringing the unobtrusive but methodical religion which pervaded his life. He was educated at that most Anglican of public schools, Repton, where both his headmaster, Geoffrey Fisher, and his fagmaster, Michael Ramsey, were to go on to be successive Archbishops of Canterbury. From Repton, where he was a scholar, he went to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, again as a scholar, taking firsts in both parts of the Classical Tripos.

A tall and striking-looking undergraduate, he was one of Wittgenstein's earliest and favourite pupils, even staying with the philosopher at his home in Austria. (He was to discharge his debt by publishing as his last book in 1980 an edition of Wittgenstein's lectures.) There followed two years in industry in the north of England before he returned to Corpus in 1933 under the mastership of Sir Will Spens, a powerful influence on Lee's character and career. Within two years he was college tutor, a post he held until 1948. He also became a university lecturer in classics.

During the war Spens, as Regional Commissioner for the Eastern Region, appointed Lee, who was medically unfit for active service, as a special assistant. Although the work involved seemed to him a somewhat pallid substitute for Greek philosophy, Lee acquired administrative skills which would later serve him in good stead. On returning to Cambridge in 1945, he became a member of the Council of the Senate and in 1948 — as happened quite often with dons in those days — was appointed Headmaster of Clifton.

In 1935 Lee had married the daughter of an army colonel, Elizabeth Crockenden, whose intelligence and administrative drive resembled his own, but whose vivacity and consuming interest in people offset in him a certain shyness and lack of small talk. (Even his children on winning a prize at a Festival of Britain sideshow in 1951, were delighted to discover that the doll they had been given was named "Dismal Desmond" — a nickname they promptly bestowed on their father.)

The late 1940s were not an easy period at Clifton which had been evacuated during the war. For all his slightly forbidding exterior, Lee's calm and measured administrative approach and his passion for accuracy in detail were very much what was needed in planning the college's future.

The metamorphosis of the don into the schoolmaster had been almost achieved when Lee was appointed to succeed Walter Oakeshott at Winchester in 1954. The change came at a difficult moment. Oakeshott's personal charm and versatility as a scholar and aesthete had won many hearts, but centrifugal forces had been allowed to exert excessive pressure. Lord Simonds, the warden, and Oakeshott, as headmaster, were known often to be at loggerheads, and a serious dispute had recently erupted over the resignation of a housemaster. Additionally, many elements of the school's administration were far too rusty to cope with the educational innovations which were soon to revolutionise even the most ancient of foundations.

Initially, Lee's abruptness of manner with strangers and reluctance to mix freely in the intimate, if critical, circle of the Common Room did not bode particularly well. But within a year or two both he and his wife had won universal confidence which was to deepen into admiration and affection. His relentless zeal for administrative detail sometimes filled housemasters with apprehension at the prospect of meetings in the headmaster's study, but they often emerged from them considerably professionalised.

Over the 14 years of his headmastership at Winchester, immense changes were effected in buildings and the organisation of the curriculum. During these years Lee, who was knighted for services to education in 1961, was a member of the Anderson committee on student grants, chairman on two occasions of the Headmasters' Conference and an indispensable expert on secondary examinations. Nor did he neglect his classical scholarship. His 1955 translation of Plato's *Republic* (revised in 1974) has been, deservedly, one of the most popular of the Penguin Classics.

After 20 years altogether as a headmaster he returned in 1968 to Cambridge as a fellow of what is now Wolfson College, commissioned to undertake a detailed study of the relation between the academic level of successful entrance candidates at Oxford and Cambridge and their subsequent performance. Although this was useful work, meticulously handled, he was underemployed and became noticeably happier as president of Hughes Hall, a post which he held from 1973 to 1978, thereafter becoming an honorary fellow and, to his great pleasure, also being re-elected to a fellowship at Corpus after a gap of 20 years. He continued to live in retirement in Cambridge.

His wife, one son and two daughters survive him.

HUGH MOORE

Hugh John Moore, Commander of the City of London Police, died on December 4 aged 64. He was born on November 28, 1929.



COMMANDER Hugh Moore died only 11 days after being involved in a violent struggle in the street with a man he was attempting to arrest for suspected criminal offences. Although the post mortem showed he died from heart failure, he never recovered from the injuries he received in attempting to make the arrest. He had served for 38 years in the City of London Police and was one of its most outstanding officers.

His quiet manner and slow speech often disguised to the less discerning his sharp mind and phenomenal memory for detail. His courage and sound judgment in pursuing complicated criminal enquiries made him a very effective investigator. He joined the police service in 1955 after National Service with the RAF and the RNVR. Once in the City of London Police, he rose rapidly through the CID ranks and served for periods in the Fraud and Regional Crime Squads.

The professionalism shown by the City Police in recent years in investigating lengthy and exceedingly complex international frauds, often using informants and undercover officers in difficult circumstances, was largely due to the guiding hand of Hugh Moore. He was in charge of many famous cases, including the mysterious death of Roberto Calvi, who had been known as the "Pope's Banker", and was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge in 1982.

It was Hugh Moore who directed the planning and implementation of the anti-terrorist policies to combat the recent terrorist outrages in the City, and he did this in his own characteristic meticulous manner.

Although he did not enjoy good health in recent years, he often worked long hours in a condition in which many lesser men would have given up. This was particularly evident at the scenes of the massive bombs at St Mary Axe and Bishopsgate.

On 11 occasions he was commended by successive commissioners and judges for outstanding police work. In 1992 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service.

He leaves his widow and a son.

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WHITECHAPEL HORRORS

To the Editor of The Times.

Sir, — Canon Barnett says: — "Whatever be the special cause (of these horrors), the general cause is the apathy of public opinion, now somewhat tired of the poor." Public opinion, surely, was never less "tired of the poor"; never was there greater readiness to give liberally to every deserving cause. If public opinion is tired of anything, it is tired of giving charity which swells the ever-increasing revenues of the vast brewing and distilling concerns which are the direct cause of national demoralization.

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You, Sir, in a leading article, have said "it would be impossible to find anything which stands for so much loss to soul, body and estate as the public house. . . . The public house degrades, ruins, and brutalizes a large fraction of the British people," and in this powerful warning you are but re-echoing the words of nearly every Judge, magistrate and leading statesman. Let our legislators vigorously fight against the known cause of these atrocities; let the reform of the licensed liquor trade be removed from the arena of party politics, and, like the abolition of slavery, become a national question; let the authorities for one year coerce not only drunkards, but drunkard makers. I am, Sir, &c.,

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NEWS

Saddam frees three Britons

■ President Saddam Hussein of Iraq agreed yesterday to free three British prisoners from an Iraqi jail after meeting Sir Edward Heath, the visiting former Prime Minister, in Baghdad.

According to British officials co-ordinating arrangements for the repatriation of the Britons, the men should be back in London by this evening after a complicated series of flights via Jordan.....Pages 1, 2

Archdeacon on the attack again

■ The Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, has repeated his attack on the Prince of Wales. He accused him of inflicting public humiliation on himself by his behaviour and described the Princess of Wales as an "aristocratic virgin" who had been used by the royal family.....Pages 1, 2, 19, 20

Delors under fire

Kenneth Clarke attacked Jacques Delors for his "perverse" plans to borrow billions of pounds to finance transport and other public works projects, setting the stage for a fierce battle at today's European summit.....Pages 1, 21

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A drug that can sober up drinkers in minutes could soon be available over the counter.....Page 1

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Champagne socialism, scorned as the prerogative of Western fellow travellers, has finally reached the Russian provinces.....Page 13

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MI5 orchestrated a bombing plot as part of a power struggle to wrest control of terrorist investigations from the police, an Old Bailey jury was told.....Page 5

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Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation have renewed their commitment to start implementing the Palestinian self-rule accord on Monday.....Page 14

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South Africa's new ruling body, has served notice of its intention to tackle policing in the townships.....Page 16

Dangerous toys

Thousands of dangerous toys have been sold as Christmas presents this year, trading standards officers said.....Page 9

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Despite a collapsing economy, North Korea has signalled to America that there will be no further talks on access to its nuclear facilities unless its latest offer is accepted.....Page 17

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The attack on British policy in Hong Kong by Sir Percy Cradock, former ambassador to Peking, was rejected by Chris Patten.....Pages 17, 20

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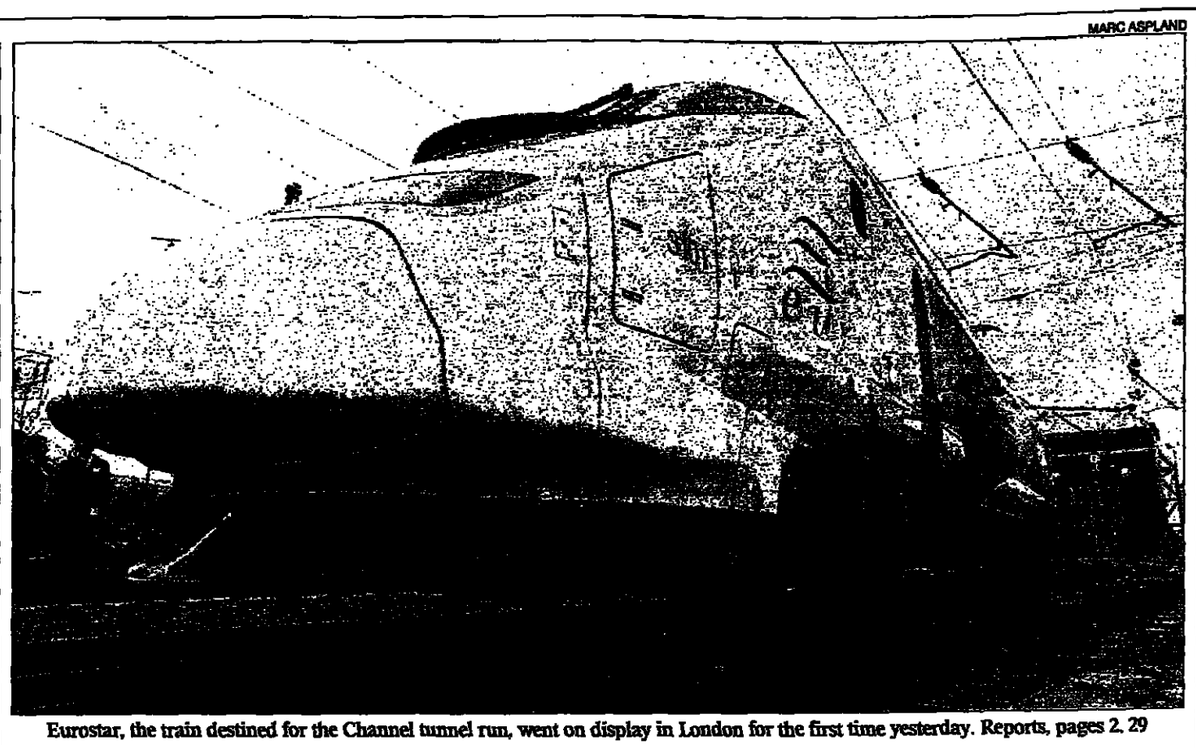
Water pollution

Companies can be forced to pay damages for water pollution only if they could have foreseen the harm they caused, the Lords decided.....Pages 7, 34

UK leading in pregnancy stakes

■ The UK has the highest teenage fertility rate in Western Europe, where rates fell sharply during the past decade. The rate of 33 births per thousand women was beaten only in the United States, with 53, while most of our European partners had much lower figures. The rate in France was nine, The Netherlands five, Spain 12 and Italy ten.....Page 7

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Eurostar, the train destined for the Channel tunnel run, went on display in London for the first time yesterday. Reports, pages 2, 29

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Jobs: London International, the condom and rubber gloves group, is to make 2,000 of its employees redundant over the next six months while Ferranti's receivers revealed that 630 workers are to be made redundant.....Page 25

Gold: Ashanti, one of the world's richest gold mines, has discovered microbes that liberate gold from its ore — a discovery that lends a new meaning to the expression "gold bug".....Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 5.8 to close at 3271.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 81.7 after a fall from $1.4980 to $1.4947 and from DM2.5529 to DM2.5485.....Page 28

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Lawrie Smith and his *Intrum Justitia* crew knocked more than a day and a half off the record in winning the Whitbread race second leg
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Chelsea Clinton, the President's daughter, who is booked to appear in the Washington Ballet's "Nutcracker" production
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Come to the Cabaret

■ How will Jane Horrocks match up to the memory of Judi Dench and Liza Minnelli in the role of Sally Bowles? Benedict Nightingale reviews the new West End production of *Cabaret*

How the other half slims

■ Sean Hughes spends the weekend at Champneys Health Resort and concludes that it is "S&M for the rich without the hassle of bondage"

A white and liquid Christmas

■ Jane MacQuitty returns to *Weekend* with her selection of the best white wines for the festive season from around the world

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Scarlet Watt, Britain's only West Indian ventriloquist, takes his dummy round the club circuit, hoping for the big break. *Short Stories: Distant Voices, Still Lips* (Channel 4, 8pm).....Page 47

OPINION

Jacques' other ideas

In their zeal to deny M Delors the chance to play Father Christmas, British ministers have come close to ridiculing the entire thrust of his white paper. That is less than wise. Its analysis of the challenges facing Europe provides the clearest evidence to date that the balance of argument in the EU is swinging Mr Major's way.....Page 21

No-commission men

If it were made illegal for insurance companies to pay commission, all advisers could operate on equal terms, charging fees. Only then would consumers be able to trust their financial adviser as much as their doctor to have their best interests at heart.....Page 21

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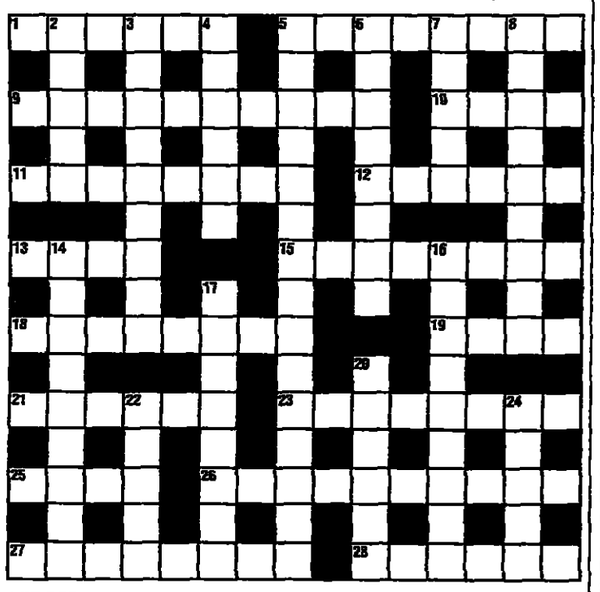
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10 Strum piano, accompanying song (4).
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8 A story showing degradation (9).
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WEATHER

Showers in the north with a band of rain moving across the south of the country. Wintry showers in Scotland, some heavy with hail in the west, and snow on high ground. Showers in Northern Ireland, some heavy. In England and Wales, cloud and rain in the east will clear during the morning. Showers will follow. Outlook: sunny spells and showers; on Sunday, more general rain, perhaps with sleet in southern and central areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	c	Madrid	3	37	fg
Akrotiri	18	64	f	Majorca	18	64	s
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Malaga	18	61	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Malta	18	64	f
Amst'dm	9	48	c	Melb'rne	26	82	s
Athens	18	64	s	Mexico C*	20	68	f
Bahrain	23	73	s	Miami*	27	81	s
Bangkok	29	84	s	Milan	6	43	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	1	34	s
Barcelona	15	59	s	Moscow	-1	30	sn
Beirut	18	64	f	Munich	10	50	c
Belgrade	12	54	c	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	7	45	r	Naples	16	61	f
Bermuda*	25	77	f	N Delhi	21	70	s
Biarritz	15	59	f	N York*	10	50	s
Bordeaux	14	57	c	Nice	16	61	s
Brussels	10	50	f	Oslo	-7	19	s
Budapest	4	39	f	Paris	9	48	r
B Aires*	31	88	s	Peking	5	41	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Perth	21	70	c
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Prague	8	46	f
Chicago*	4	39	s	Reykjavik	0	32	s
Ch'church	14	57	f	Rhodes	18	68	s
Cologne	9	48	f	Rio de J	34	93	f
C'phagn	5	41	c	Riyadh	21	70	s
Corfu	16	61	c	Rome	16	61	c
Dublin	7	45	f	Salzburg	14	57	s
Dubrovnik	11	52	c	S F'isco*	15	59	r
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	31	88	s
Florence	15	59	c	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	10	50	r	Seoul	8	46	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Sing'por	29	84	f
Geneva	12	54	f	St'kholm	-3	27	c
Gibraltar	18	61	s	Strasb'rg	10	50	f
Helsinki	1	34	c	Sydney	21	70	s
Hong K	25	77	s	Tangier	17	63	s
Innsbruck	12	54	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Istanbul	9	48	s	Tenerife	20	68	f
Jeddah	30	86	s	Tokyo	14	57	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Toronto*	3	37	c
Karachi	31	88	s	Tunis	20	68	s
L Palmas	21	70	s	Valencia	18	64	s
Le Touquet	10	50	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	c
Lisbon	14	57	c	Venice	7	45	f
Locarno	4	39	c	Vienna	11	52	c
L Angels*	16	61	s	Warsaw	7	45	s
Luxembg	8	46	c	Wash'ton*	10	50	s
Luxor	24	75	s	Wel'ngton	13	55	c
				Zurich	10	50	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,011.4. millibars, rising.
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Madley, Hereford & Worcester 14C (57F); lowest day max: Aviemore and Tulloch Bridge, Grampian 3C (37F). highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway 1.01in; highest sunshine: Exmouth, Devon, and Belfast 0.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.35in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.1hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.17in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.3hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.24	4	39	rain
Anglesey	-	0.47	11	52	gale
Aviemore	-	0.09	3	37	snow
Belfast	0.9	0.52	11	52	rain
Birmingham	-	0.40	11	52	rain
Bognor Regis	-	0.26	12	54	rain
Bournemouth	-	0.30	12	54	shower
Bristol	-	0.46	12	54	gale
Buxton	-	0.94	10	50	rain
Cardiff	-	0.32	12	54	rain
Clacton	-	0.28	10	50	rain
Crower	-	0.26	-	-	¼ rain
Eastbourne	-	0.38	12	54	rain
Edinburgh	-	0.50	4	39	snow
Eskdalemuir	-	0.87	7	45	snow
Exmouth	0.9	0.25	13	55	gale
Falmouth	-	0.39	13	55	shower
Folkestone	-	0.31	11	52	rain
Glasgow	-	0.76	4	39	rain
Guernsey	-	0.16	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	-	0.30	11	52	rain
Hunstanton	-	0.24	11	52	sleet
Jersey	-	0.20	12	54	drizzle
Kinloss	-	0.07	3	37	snow
Leeds	-	0.39	11	52	rain
Lerwick	0.4	0.08	5	41	hail
Liverpool	0.3	0.50	11	52	shower
London	-	0.19	13	55	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.31	11	52	rain
Manchester	-	0.45	11	52	rain
Margate	X	0.21	12	54	rain
Minehead	X	0.44	13	55	rain
Morecambe	-	0.59	11	52	rain
Nottingham	-	0.53	11	52	rain
Penzance	-	0.24	13	55	gale
Plymouth	-	0.47	12	54	gale
Poole	-	0.30	12	54	rain
Saunton Snd	-	0.33	12	54	rain
Scarborough	-	0.26	9	48	sleet
Scilly Isles	-	0.24	12	54	gale
Sheerness	-	0.22	12	54	gales
Southend	X				
Southsea	-	0.19	12	54	rain
Stornoway	-	0.31	4	39	sleet
Swanage	-	0.22	12	54	shower
Teignmouth	-	0.23	13	55	rain
Tenby	-	0.61	12	54	rain
Tiree	-	0.72	9	48	sleet
Torquay	-	0.38	12	54	gale
Weymouth	-	0.21	12	54	rain
Wick	-	0.10	4	39	rain

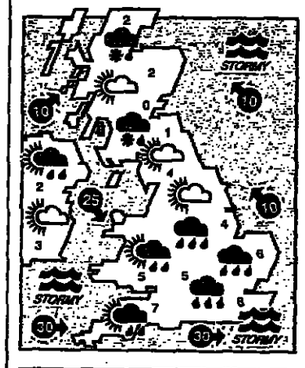
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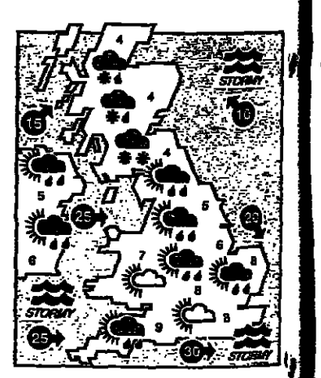
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.88	17.38
Belgium Fr	56.36	51.96
Canada $	2.062	1.922
Cyprus Cypf	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.89	09.79
Finland Mrk	9.20	08.40
France Fr	9.17	8.47
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	386.50	360.50
Hong Kong $	12.19	11.19
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2593.00	2438.00
Japan Yen	180.00	160.50
Malta	0.625	0.570
Netherlands Gld	3.000	2.770
Norway Kr	11.84	10.84
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.00	202.00
Sweden Kr	12.94	12.14
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	21208.0	20209.0
USA $	1.590	1.460

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 3.52 pm to 7.56 am
Bristol 4.02 pm to 8.05 am
Edinburgh 3.39 pm to 8.32 am
Manchester 3.50 pm to 8.14 am
Penzance 4.20 pm to 8.10 am

Sun rises: 7.56 am
Sun sets: 3.52pm
Moon sets 1.43 pm
Moon rises 4.15 am
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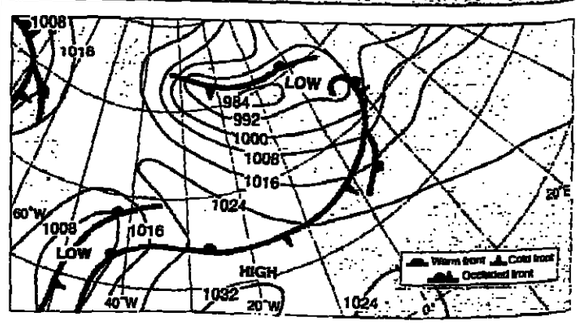
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Belfast	5	41	f	Guernsey	9	48	f
B'mingham	8	46	s	Inverness	2	36	f
Blackpool	8	46	f	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	9	48	f	London	9	48	f
Cardiff	10	50	f	M'nchster	8	46	f
Edinburgh	7	45	s	Newcastle	8	46	f
Glasgow	8	46	c	R'nldsway	7	45	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.35	6.5	11.19	6.9	Liverpool	6.04	8.5	8.29	8.6
Aberdeen	10.26	3.9	10.45	4.1	Lowestoft	5.50	2.4	6.48	2.3
Avonmouth	3.49	11.4	4.19	11.9	Margate	6.32	4.5	9.19	4.5
Belfast	7.54	3.2	8.12	3.5	Milford Haven	2.56	6.1	3.24	6.4
Cardiff	3.34	10.7	4.04	11.0	Newquay	1.54	8.2	2.21	8.4
Devonport	2.22	4.9	2.49	5.0	Oban	3.00	3.4	3.15	3.7
Dover	7.44	6.1	8.16	6.1	Penzance	1.32	4.9	1.57	5.1
Falmouth	1.52	4.7	2.19	4.8	Portland	3.25	1.8	3.41	1.9
Glasgow	9.56	4.5	9.55	4.7	Portsmouth	8.10	4.6	8.38	4.5
Harwich	8.18	3.6	9.07	3.7	Shoreham	7.54	5.8	8.28	5.7
Holyhead	7.17	5.1	7.38	5.3	Southampton	7.48	4.3	8.17	4.2
Hull	2.42	6.6	3.32	6.8	Swansea	2.58	8.3	3.28	8.5
Ilfracombe	2.37	8.0	3.05	8.3	Tees	12.10	4.9	12.50	4.9
King's Lynn	2.53	5.9	3.44	5.9	W'ton-on-Nze	8.18	3.6	9.5	3.9
Leith	11.34	5.1							

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10 1993

Ministers seek reform of newspaper sales

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government yesterday announced "fundamental reforms" to the supply of national newspapers after an official enquiry found that a complex monopoly operates in favour of newspaper wholesalers against the public interest.

At the same time, however, the Government signalled that it would welcome voluntary proposals from the industry aimed at increasing competition, and talks will take place shortly between newspaper publishers, wholesalers and the Department of Trade and Industry.

Neil Hamilton, corporate affairs minister, said that it was "evident" from the report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that "the relationship between wholesalers and retailers has certain inefficiencies which are detrimental to both publishers and some consumers by restricting the availability of newspapers".

More than 12 million copies of national newspapers are despatched each night by publishers and distributed by more than 80 wholesalers to retailers for sale.

Because newspapers are supplied on a sale-or-return basis, the MMC said, their retail was virtually "risk-free", which prompted many people to seek to sell them. However, wholesalers traditionally refuse to supply would-be retailers where they claim an area is adequately served. Sixty per cent of current applicants to sell papers are refused by wholesalers, leading to many complaints, which prompted the year-long MMC review.

The MMC concluded that this system constitutes, under the Fair Trading Act 1973, a complex monopoly that operates against the public interest, and recommended that, in order to ease supply restrictions without either pushing up prices or having sales outlets close, retailers should be allowed to pass papers to other outlets or to sub-retailers.

In advice to the Government on the report, Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of Fair Trading, underlined the MMC's view that this single recommendation might prove insufficient to remedy the problem, leading the Government to propose more fundamental reform.

The planned talks seem likely to centre on setting a minimum newspaper order size, which would ease publishers' and wholesalers' fears that supplying any-sized retailer would be uneconomic.

The MMC found, too, that while the newspaper publishers' display of cover prices and the setting of common retail margins also formed a complex monopoly under the Act, it was not one which was against the public interest.

In addition, the commission identified a scale monopoly in the case of WH Smith, the wholesaler, and News International, publisher of *The Times* and other newspapers, but, in each case, the MMC said that these monopolies were not against the public interest.

Newspapers and wholesalers broadly welcomed the MMC report and the Government move — especially WH Smith and News International, which welcomed the MMC finding on their own market shares.

WH Smith said that it did not believe that the MMC's findings would have a significant effect on its wholesaling, and that it would work with the Government to find appropriate voluntary arrangements.

While welcoming the MMC's report, David Mackay, managing director of John Menzies, said that his company was "disappointed" that the Government and the OFT felt that reform was necessary.

John Dux, general manager of News International, said that it was pleased that the Government had endorsed the MMC's findings that newspaper publishers' practices were, in general, not against the public interest, and said that the report would "allow us to move forward to meet the needs of increasing change in the industry".

LIG to shed a fifth of its workforce

BY SARAH BAGNALL

■ Cuts at London International Group will result in a big charge on full-year profits. Debts need to be cut, said the group, which announced a half-year loss and no dividend

LONDON International, the condoms to photoprocessing company, is to axe 2,000 jobs over the next six months, reducing its worldwide workforce to fewer than 8,500. The job cuts will be in its health and personal products division, which produces Durex condoms and Marigold gloves, and represents almost 30 per cent of the division's employees.

Nick Hodges, who took over as chief executive from Anthony Butterworth in September, said the redundancies would affect all levels. "The number of people on the board will fall, as well as the number of people working in manufacturing."

The swingeing cuts form one strand of the group's attempts to restore profitability, the need for which was revealed yesterday when LIG announced an unexpected loss for the six months to September 30 and passed the interim dividend. A loss of £5.1 million replaced pre-tax profit of £15.5 million last time; turnover was up from £194.8 million to £197.1 million. The shares fell 37p to 102p on the news, before recovering to end the day 18p down at 111p.

In September, LIG warned shareholders that interim profits would be "severely depressed" and revealed that it was conducting a comprehensive strategic review. The results of that were announced yesterday.

Mr Hodges said the group planned to sell its entire photoprocessing division, along with various non-core branded products from its health division. This, he said, would leave the group focused on its core surgical glove, specialist glove and condom businesses, but retain other products that complemented the core operations.

The photoprocessing division, Colourcare, made an operating loss of £1.1 million, against a profit of £6.3 million last time. Turnover fell by £1 million to £72.9 million, 37 per cent of LIG's total turnover. The fall would have been far greater if LIG had not won a large contract.

Mr Hodges said that interest had been expressed by potential purchasers for all or parts of the division and "we expect to complete the sale as soon as possible, within the next six months".

The health division fared little better, operating profits tumbling from £16.1 million to £3.5 million. Sales rose 2.7 per cent to £124.2 million, helped by strong demand for surgical gloves, which helped to offset a fall in consumer products sales. Sales of surgical gloves rose by 36 per cent, to £14.7 million.

No brands in the health division have been publicly put up for sale but "it will be a select number, making up a reasonable proportion of the division's turnover", Mr Hodges said.

Disposal proceeds will be used to reduce borrowings, which stood at £153.9 million at the half-year stage, equivalent to gearing of 137 per cent. Mr Hodges said: "With our brand strengths, which are not on the balance sheet, I think gearing between 50 per cent and 70 per cent would be acceptable."

The restructuring, completion of which is planned by the company's year end, will give rise to a substantial charge against full-year profits. The company said it might reorganise reserves to help future dividend payments.

Alan Woltz is to retire as non-executive chairman as soon as a successor is found. Mr Hodges said that was expected to be "sooner rather than later". He added that Mr Woltz's departure, with those of a couple of other non-executive directors, left the company with a completely new managment team.



Growing for gold: Sam Jonah, managing director, expects the Biox "beasties" to raise output to 1 million ounces a year

Ghana gets the gold bug

FROM COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT, IN ACCRA

THE phrase "gold bug" has taken on particular relevance for Ghana's Ashanti gold mine, one of the world's richest deposits.

Ashanti has been in continuous production since 1897 in a 120 sq mile concession, centred on Obuasi, and conventional technology long ago replaced bucket and spade methods. But the mine is now adopting bio-oxidation (Biox) a technology patented by Gencor, the South African mining group.

In many deposits, gold particles are trapped in pyritic minerals, and mere grinding will not release them. Biox, in simple terms, employs cultures of naturally occurring bacteria that "eat" rock.

The microscopic beasties have been "trained" to liberate gold contained in tough ores in four days. Biox is environmentally friendly and its use makes the handling of arsenic substances, associated with extraction, much safer.

Ashanti has spent US$1 million proving bug technology works under Ghanaian conditions and John Clarke, consulting metallurgist, says he is now totally convinced. Ashanti's Biox plant comes into full production in early 1994 and is the largest of its kind in the world.

The "gold bugs" replicate themselves and need special care. They should not eat too much (or they give up working), they require a constant 35 to 40 degrees centigrade temperature and need strict acidity levels.

Ashanti is cagey about how the beasties arrived on site. The first beaker was probably baby-sat on an plane from Johannesburg. Dr Clarke said the bugs arrived inert and had to be" woken up". Ashanti now has to ensure that they "keep on jumping high", he added.

Out of Africa there is always something new; bug technology should ensure Ashanti realises its target of becoming a 1 million ounce-a-year producer by 1996.

Ferranti receivers announce first 630 redundancies

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FERRANTI International's receivers yesterday announced that more than 630 workers are to be made redundant at the struggling electronics group, and gave warning that more are likely to follow.

The job losses — some of which will take effect today — were signalled yesterday when receivers from Arthur Andersen, the accountancy group, met union leaders. The present wave of jobs losses affect 11 Ferranti sites around the country, with the worst-hit at Oldham, where 298 employees will be made redundant.

In a letter to workers, the receivers said the redundancies would be implemented today to reduce the workforce to levels that management believe are "appropriate to existing levels of business".

The receivers, who were called in last week after GEC withdrew its offer to buy Ferranti, said that further job losses were likely: "Whether further redundancies will be required will depend on the level of support received from our customers. We cannot continue work on loss-making contracts. In such cases, if terms cannot be re-negotiated or there is some other reason work cannot continue, this will have an impact on future headcount levels."

The receivers insisted they had no other choice; if the redundancies were not implemented, the company would not be able to trade in receivership and would have to close with the loss of all the jobs.

The job cuts drew angry responses from unions. Paul Gallagher, of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said the cuts were "a bitter pill to swallow, especially as the Government could easily have saved these jobs by awarding outstanding Ministry of Defence contracts to Ferranti."

VW group raises loss estimate to DM2.3bn

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, has raised its estimate of 1993 group losses by DM300 million to DM2.3 billion, but the rapidly restructuring company is still considering keeping its dividend unchanged at DM2.

Slack demand in key markets, including Germany, its home base, will mean a 10 per cent drop in sales, Ferdinand Piëch, the management board chairman said. Only last month he forecast a loss of DM2 billion, blaming SEAT, VW's Spanish subsidiary, for the whole loss.

Werner Schmidt, the finance director, said VW's parent company profit this year would be DM60 million to 80 million, down from DM132 million last year. Group profit last year was DM147 million. Herr Schmidt said a payout of DM2 on this year's results would cost the company about DM66 million.

Herr Piëch remained confident that the shift to a four-day week next year at VW's German plants, plus a series of tough cost-cutting measures, will enable VW to break even after tax in 1994.

Group investment is to be raised to DM5.5 billion next year from the severely reduced DM5 billion this year. Herr Piëch said VW's parent company had been operating in the black since July.

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BIG DAY



TML, the Anglo-French consortium, which built the cross-Channel rail link, this morning hands it over to Eurotunnel
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BIG DEAL

North West Water is to help upgrade sewers in Malaysia which at present reach less than half the 17 million population
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BIG DEBT

Pilkington still has debts of £800 million despite the disposal of Sola for £200 million at the beginning of the month
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BIG PAYOUT

The new-look GUS raised interim dividend by 16 per cent, but the stores group appears to have lost none of its caution
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Lloyd's sets new voting rights

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE ruling council of Lloyd's of London has approved transitional voting rights for members, reflecting introduction of corporate capital next month.

David Rowland, re-elected chairman, yesterday unveiled rules expected to last three years until Lloyd's adopts voting directly corresponding to names' capacities. Under interim arrangements, individual names' combined voting power will be calculated by their combined contribution to total capital — including open-year and run-off capacity — and be allocated on a "one member, one vote" basis. Corporate names' combined voting power will depend on their combined contribution to total capital, and be allocated to each member proportionate to capacity.

The change was made after corporate capital representatives made clear that they would be unhappy if their capacity were not reflected in voting strength. Corporate members are providing more than £1.6 billion capacity next year. Individual names could provide up to £10 billion.

☐ The Lloyd's syndicate Cuthbert Heath 404 is considering passing a report on its losses to the Serious Fraud Office. The syndicate, unlike Cuthbert Heath 1084, is highly unlikely to advise its names to accept Lloyd's settlement offer, which it says represents a tiny proportion of names' losses.

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North West Water joins £1.5bn Malaysia project

BY CARL MORTISHED

NORTH West Water is to take part in a £1.5 billion project to upgrade Malaysia's sewerage system over the next 25 years. The deal, signed yesterday by the Warrington-based company, is its largest international sewerage project.

North West, which also announced a 6 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £138 million, is already participating in projects in Mexico, Australia, the Bahamas, Thailand and Macau.

The company is putting up an initial £6 million for a 25 per cent stake in the project alongside leading Malaysian pension funds, the Malaysian conglomerate Berjaya Industrial Berhad, and AIMS Worldwide. Only 46 per cent of Malaysia's population of 17 million is connected to the sewerage system. North West will provide design and operational services as well as taking an equity interest in the project. The system is expected to generate revenues of £6 billion over the next 28 years.

A 16 per cent surge in North West's earnings per share to 39.3p underpins a 7.6 per cent rise to 7.67p in the half year dividend. Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman, said that the utility business had performed strongly in the six months to September 30, with a 16 per cent rise in operating profit to £168 million. Turnover from the water and sewerage business rose 7 per cent to £370 million after a rise of about 8 per cent in bills to customers last year. A change in approach to bad debts, which totalled £8 million at the end of September, led to 50 disconnections, compared with 500 for the whole of last year.

Sir Desmond said he expected the successor to Bob Thian, who resigned as chief executive last month, to be appointed in six months' time. Sir Desmond said there had been a clash of management styles with Mr Thian, who favoured a highly centralised approach.

He said that imposition of a lower "K" factor next year (the amount by which bills can rise ahead of inflation) could put pressure on the regulated business. Expansion of the non-regulated side was aimed at making up the shortfall in earnings growth. "We want the non-regulated businesses to generate 10 per cent of the profits over the medium to long term," he said.

In the half year, profits from the non-regulated businesses more than halved from £7 million to £3.2 million because of a fall in sales of process equipment in America. International operations made a £200,000 contribution to profit. North West hopes to make £25 million to £30 million a year from its non-core business when its international operations start to deliver management fees and dividends in five years' time.

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Sir Desmond Pitcher unveiled profits up 6 per cent

MPs call for access to Scotbus sale files

BY A CORRESPONDENT

MPs have demanded that files on the sale of Scottish Bus Group, three years ago, be opened for scrutiny following confirmation that the Treasury received £150 million from the group's pension fund when it was privatised.

Brian Wilson, Labour transport spokesman, said: "I have consistently argued that the assets of the Scottish Bus Group were disposed of at scandalously low prices. In the run-up to privatisation, the accounts of the various companies in the group failed to reflect their true profitability and value. Yet it was on the basis of these figures that the group was privatised." He said the Secretary of State for Scotland should make available all papers on the sale.

Michael Stern, a Tory member of the powerful Public Accounts Committee which quizzed civil servants on the sale last night, said he was "deeply concerned" with certain aspects of the sale.

Mr Stern, an accountant before entering the Commons, said alarm bells started to ring as soon as he saw the report on the sale of the group. He said: "The fact is that the way in which the sale was done, some of the financial transactions which took place before, during and after the sale, made me very worried, and I have called for a lot more papers to try to dig into this much more deeply. I can't help thinking that there's a lot of this story which has not yet been told."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lautro alters guidelines on emerging markets

THE Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) has laid down stricter guidelines for life offices and unit trust companies selling emerging markets funds and products offering high income, after concern that some companies were issuing misleading marketing literature to investors. Under the new guidelines, companies selling high-income products will have to define what is meant by terms like "income" and "guarantee" as well as explaining the risks involved. Projections of possible investment growth will have to be based on Lautro's prescribed growth rates of 5 per cent and 10 per cent, to illustrate the uncertain nature of the investment.

Companies must ensure the most prominent rate of return advertised is that investors will actually receive and comparisons with other products must be fair. Those selling emerging market funds must make sure they do not give undue prominence to past performance where figures relate to short periods and narrow investment fields. They must spell out risks involved and indicate whether past performance figures reflect favourable investment conditions.

Conrad Black enquiry

THE Australian parliament has launched an enquiry into how the government allowed Conrad Black, publisher of *The Daily Telegraph*, to take a 25 per cent stake in the John Fairfax Holdings, Australia's oldest newspaper group. Mr Black previously held 15 per cent. Paul Keating, the Prime Minister, says he told Mr Black before the March 13 Australian election that he would take a more favourable view of his application to raise the stake if Mr Black encouraged fairer and more balanced reporting in his papers. The government allowed Mr Black to raise his stake to 25 per cent soon after the election.

BFTB bookings ahead

CHRISTMAS party bookings at Break For The Border Group, the restaurateur that came to the market in May, are well ahead of the same time last year, said Robert Gunlack, chairman, introducing maiden interim figures. As December is such an important month for the company, a trading statement will be made in January. Higher operating expenses left profits both before and after tax lower at £140,000 against £149,000. As indicated in the group's placing document in May, a single, final dividend will be paid for the current year.

Hartstone tumbles

HARTSTONE Group, the troubled leather goods and hosiery company, said a refinancing deal should be in place before a debt standstill agreement runs out on January 16. A combination of write-downs and a high interest bill saw Hartstone's pre-tax profits in the six months to September 30 collapse to £428,000 (£10.5 million). Earnings fell to 0.3p (6.7p) a share, and the interim dividend is being passed (2.8p). Debts during the period rose to £92 million (£67 million), as new management sorted out the finances. Interest charges rose to £5.4 million (£3.3 million).

Fine Art advances

A SHARP fall in interest payments to £2.9 million from £4.8 million increased profitability at the halfway stage for Fine Art Developments, the Bradford mail order and greeting cards company. In the six months to September 30, pre-tax profits rose 11 per cent to £5.5 million (£4.95 million), and earnings per share 7 per cent to 4.87p. The dividend increases from 3p to 3.3p. Keith Chapman, chairman, said sales dipped slightly in both the mail order and card and paper products divisions, but added that sales gains in the second half should more than offset the setback.

Rees to leave Lasmo



LORD Rees, right, chairman of Lasmo, the oil exploration company, is to stand down at the company's annual meeting in May. His decision follows the departure of finance director Michael Pavia, in October. Lasmo shares are suffering from the decline in crude oil price and the company's high level of borrowings. Lord Rees joined Lasmo in 1985 and in 1991 it acquired Ultramar in a £1.1 billion takeover.

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Kleeneze pays again

THE dividend has been restored at Kleeneze, the home shopping business, which returned to the black in the 12 months to August 31. Pre-tax profits of £1.06 million compare with a £456,000 loss last time. A 1p dividend has been declared, to be paid next April. Kleeneze Homecare, the direct mail order business, more than doubled its profits, and a new £1.5 million warehouse will be completed later this month. Directors confirmed the group is to sell half of The Leading Edge, its retail subsidiary, to PowerStore Trading in January.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BIRKBY (Int)
Pre-tax: £581,000
EPS: 3.5p (4.8p)
Div: 1.2p (1p)
Previous interim profit was £204,000. Turnover rose to £5.2 million from £2.19 million. Exceptional charge of £525,000

ENTERPRISE COMPTRS
Pre-tax: £25,000
EPS: 0.02p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Interim results. Loss was £3.4 million in previous interim period. UK remains a difficult market. Trading slow in Germany

EVE GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.5m (£2.6m)
EPS: 17.1p (18.3p)
Div: 3p (2.7p)
Turnover rose to £32.9 million from £27.6 million. Difficult trading conditions continue to put pressure on margins

GRAINGER TRUST (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.6m
EPS: 5.4p (10.64p loss)
Div: 4.05p, mkg 5.25p
Loss in previous year was £4.6 million and dividend was 5.25p. Net asset value has fallen to £2.85 a share from £2.93

HICKING PENTECST (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.98m (£1.65m)
EPS: 8.9p (7.73p)
Div: 1.55p (1.35p)
Turnover rose to £18.2 million from £13.6 million. Order books are improving and group is trading ahead of last year

SCANTRONIC HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.59m (£1.55m)
EPS: 1.88p (1.84p)
Div: 0.843p (0.79p)
Turnover was £20.6 million, against £18.5 million. Operating costs rose to £19 million from £16.8 million

STIRLING GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £223,000
EPS: 0.06p loss
Div: 0.55p (0.50p)
Previous interim profit was £1.37 million and earnings were 1.07p a share. Provision of £600,000 against property values

TITON HOLDINGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2m (£1.94m)
EPS: 12.07p (11.69p)
Div: 2.9p, mkg 4.2p
Total dividend in previous year was 3.7p a share. Turnover was £11.3 million, compared with £10.8 million

TOTAL SYSTEMS (Int)
Pre-tax: £12,330
EPS: 0.078p (2.85p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous interim profits were £424,536. There was a £31,890 operating loss but investment income was £44,020

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UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

HIGHLIGHTS

- FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN PRE-TAX OPERATING PROFIT IN ALL DIVISIONS TO £155.9m (1992 £133.7m).
- NET EXTERNAL INTEREST RECEIVABLE BEFORE TAX REDUCED DUE TO LOWER MONEY MARKET RATES WHICH BENEFITED TRADE £51.6m (1992 £58.5m).
- TOTAL TRADING PROFIT AND EXTERNAL INTEREST RECEIVABLE BEFORE TAX £207.5m (1992 £192.2m).
- PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS AND PROPERTY, LESS CAPITAL REORGANISATION COSTS CONTRIBUTED A FURTHER £5.7m (1992 £2.6m).
- EARNINGS PER SHARE -

FROM OPERATIONS	10.3p	(8.8p)
EXTERNAL INTEREST	3.4p	(3.9p)
OTHER INCOME	0.6p	(0.2p)
TOTAL	14.3p	(12.9p)

- INTERIM DIVIDEND PER SHARE UP 16.4% TO 4.0p.
- UNDERLYING POSITIVE CASH FLOW £140.7m.
- NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE INCREASED TO £3.36.

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

	Six Months Ended 30.9.93 (Unaudited) £m	Six Months Ended 30.9.92 (Unaudited) £m	Year Ended 31.3.93 (Audited) £m
Turnover	1,390.0	1,246.2	2,810.4
Cost of Sales	905.6	806.6	1,774.4
Gross profit	484.4	439.6	1,036.0
Operating costs	(357.1)	(333.4)	(737.7)
Net property rental income	28.6	27.5	55.9
Net interest receivable	51.6	58.5	117.2
Profit from trading activities	207.5	192.2	471.4
Profit on sale of investments and property after professional fees of £2m, for the capital reorganisation	5.7	2.6	3.6
	213.2	194.8	475.0
Taxation	69.5	64.9	158.3
Profit after taxation attributable to shareholders	143.7	129.9	316.7
Dividends	40.2	34.0	108.7
Retained profit transferred to reserve	103.5	95.9	208.0
Earnings per share			
-from operations	10.3p	8.8p	23.4p
-interest	3.4p	3.9p	7.7p
-other (see above)	0.6p	0.2p	0.4p
-total	14.3p	12.9p	31.5p
Dividend per share	4.0p	3.44p	11.0p

Interim Dividend
The interim dividend will be paid on 29 March 1994 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 25 February 1994.

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1993
(reflecting capital reorganisation approved 28.9.93 and since implemented)

	30.9.93 (Unaudited) £m	30.9.92 (Unaudited) £m	31.3.93 (Audited) £m
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets			
Freehold and long leasehold properties	908.7	870.9	871.2
Short leasehold properties	27.7	30.2	29.7
Plant, vehicles and equipment	98.1	106.0	104.7
	1,034.5	1,007.1	1,005.6
Investments	8.4	19.0	21.7
	1,042.9	1,026.1	1,027.3
Current Assets			
Stocks	321.0	312.3	250.3
Debtors (after deducting unearned finance charges £123.1m, 31.3.93 £116.6m)	1,531.3	1,469.5	1,571.9
Gilt-edged securities (Market value £486.5m)	438.8	-	323.8
Bank balances and cash (inc certificates of deposit at 31.3.93 £455.9m)	1,122.5	1,374.8	1,092.8
	3,411.6	3,156.6	3,238.8
Creditors - falling due within one year	742.6	679.6	628.1
Net current assets	2,669.0	2,477.0	2,610.7
Total assets less current liabilities	3,711.9	3,503.1	3,638.0
Creditors - falling due after more than one year	31.2	41.8	34.1
Provisions for deferred and other liabilities and charges	79.7	82.2	72.8
Deferred profit and accruals	217.1	205.4	233.3
Minority interests	.1	.1	.1
	3,383.8	3,163.6	3,297.7
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	251.4	61.8	61.8
Share premium account	-	21.9	21.9
Revaluation reserve	643.8	675.4	648.4
Capital redemption reserve	-	.9	.9
Profit and loss account	2,488.6	2,403.6	2,564.7
Shareholders' funds	3,383.8	3,163.6	3,297.7
Net asset value per share	£3.36	£3.15	£3.28

The full accounts for the year ended 31 March 1993 received an unqualified audit report and were submitted to the Registrar of Companies.
The interim accounts are unaudited and are not required to be submitted.

UNAUDITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

	Six Months Ended 30.9.93 (Unaudited) £m	Six Months Ended 30.9.92 (Unaudited) £m	Year Ended 31.3.93 (Audited) £m
Net cash flow from operating activities	241.6	272.5	539.6
Servicing of finance - share capital			
Dividends paid	-	-	(101.3)
Taxation			
UK Corporation tax paid	(24.8)	(25.4)	(130.9)
Overseas tax paid	(15.3)	(21.8)	(28.0)
Tax paid	(40.1)	(47.2)	(159.9)
Investing activities			
Tangible fixed assets			
- purchases	(63.2)	(19.2)	(41.9)
- sales	9.0	6.8	8.8
Fixed asset investments			
- sales	19.3	11.4	28.1
- purchases	(12.3)	-	(11.2)
Decrease in bank and term deposits with a maturity period of three to six months	203.6	130.2	666.0
Net purchases of gilt edged securities	(114.8)	-	(317.0)
Net cash inflow from investing activities	41.6	129.0	332.8
Net cash inflow before financing	243.1	354.3	611.2
Financing			
Repayment of debentures and loans	(.9)	(2.0)	(2.1)
Principal payments under capital leases	(5.7)	(7.5)	(13.3)
Net cash outflow from financing	(6.6)	(9.5)	(15.4)
Movement in cash and cash equivalents	236.5	344.7	595.8
Reconciliation to trading cash flow			
Movement as above	236.5	344.7	595.8
Purchase of investments	107.8	-	328.2
Decrease in bank and term deposits (3 to 6 months maturity)	(203.6)	(130.2)	(666.0)
Underlying trading cash flow	140.7	214.5	258.0

UNAUDITED MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Six Months Ended 30.9.93 (Unaudited) £m	Six Months Ended 30.9.92 (Unaudited) £m	Year Ended 31.3.93 (Audited) £m
Profit for the period attributable to shareholders	143.7	129.9	316.7
Dividends	(40.2)	(34.0)	(108.7)
	103.5	95.9	208.0
Currency translation differences on overseas net assets (contrawise sterling assets have appreciated in terms of overseas currencies)	(17.4)	19.9	51.5
Revaluation of properties	-	-	(9.0)
Goodwill written off	-	-	(.8)
	86.1	115.8	249.9
Opening shareholders' funds	3,297.7	3,047.8	3,047.8
Closing shareholders' funds	3,383.8	3,163.6	3,297.7

UNAUDITED DIVISIONAL ANALYSIS SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993

	Turnover 1993 £m	Turnover 1992 £m	Trading Profit Before Tax 1993 £m	Trading Profit Before Tax 1992 £m	Net External Interest Receivable Before Tax 1993 £m	Net External Interest Receivable Before Tax 1992 £m
Home shopping	818.4	780.5	68.5	56.2	19.9	25.3
Burberrys & Scotch House	85.4	71.2	13.1	8.5	3.8	4.0
Overseas retailing	86.2	83.3	11.0	10.0	1.3	.8
Property rentals	-	-	26.8	25.0	.1	.3
Finance						
Consumer & corporate finance, banking and business information			25.8	18.4		
Inter-group interest			10.7	15.6		
Combined	398.0	311.2	36.5	34.0	26.5	28.1
External interest receivable			155.9	133.7	51.6	58.5
			51.6	58.5		
Profit before tax			207.5	192.2		
Profit on sale of investments & property after professional fees of £2m for capital reorganisation			5.7	2.6		
	1,390.0	1,246.2	213.2	194.8		

GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

United Kingdom	1,045.5	925.6	121.8	105.0	46.6	52.5
Western Europe	189.1	167.0	15.4	14.2	2.4	3.0
North America	81.4	64.7	5.3	2.1	1.3	1.3
Far East & South Africa	74.0	68.9	13.8	12.4	1.3	1.7
			155.9	133.7	51.6	58.5
External interest receivable			51.6	58.5		
Profit before tax			207.5	192.2		
Profit on sale of investments & property after professional fees for capital reorganisation (all UK)			5.7	2.6		
	1,390.0	1,246.2	213.2	194.8		

TRADING REVIEW
The Group comprises four major trading divisions plus overseas retailing whose results are detailed above. The diversified nature of the Company's activities and the strength of the balance sheet continue to provide a measure of support particularly valuable in recent years.
The operating profit for the period was £155.9m (1992 £133.7m) plus net external interest receivable, due to lower market rates which benefited trade, £51.6m (1992 £58.5m) giving an overall trading profit for the period of £207.5m (1992 £192.2m).
Profit on sale of investments and properties less professional fees for capital reorganisation, contributed a further £5.7m (1992 £2.6m).
Sterling appreciated against most major currencies during the period since 31 March 1993 having depreciated during the previous six months. 84% of the Group's assets are denominated in sterling so any appreciation enhances its value in terms of overseas currencies. Had exchange rates remained at the level prevailing at 31 March 1993 turnover and profit before tax would have been £15.7m and £1.7m higher. At 30 September 1992 rates turnover and profit would have been respectively £5.3m and £1.0m lower.
Earnings and net asset value per share reflect the reorganisation of the share capital of the Company as approved by shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 28 September 1993 and implemented in October 1993.
Tangible net assets amount to nearly £3.4 billion, or £3.36 per share. No value has been included for the Group's range of trading names and lists of catalogue agents and customers. The distribution of net worth remains well proportioned between working capital and property. The Group had a positive underlying cash flow from trading activities and maintained a virtually ungeared balance sheet.
For more than 40 years, pre-tax profits, gross dividends and net asset value per share have advanced consistently, with no new capital being sought from shareholders. During that period there has been a progressive increase in dividends and payment of substantial corporation tax. Shareholders will also appreciate that published figures are now related to the current low rate of inflation which if maintained will be more meaningful in comparable money terms.
HOME SHOPPING DIVISION
Total sales contained little inflation and reflected a volume increase, mainly attributable to the United Kingdom, with operating profit showing a satisfactory improvement. Trading in Europe was difficult with turnover and profit in local currency slightly ahead of the preceding year. The results reflect enhanced co-ordination of merchandising, catalogue production and general administration between the United Kingdom and the four European companies, with further benefits anticipated.
The division has continued to concentrate on service to customers and agents, a major aspect of which is the reduction and simplification of paperwork. Over 75% of orders were received by telephone with enhanced systems dealing more rapidly with both orders and enquiries.
Further investment is being made in advanced systems of telecommunication, warehouse automation and merchandise/marketing techniques, which should result in improved customer service and delivery times. Specific attention continues to be given to additional merchandise sources to enable all companies to offer better values.
UK agency recruitment has been satisfactory in the first half of the year with total strength now in excess of 4 million.
The division operates an increased number of catalogue bargain shops giving an improved price realisation on the sale of end-of-season stocks.
In the United Kingdom, the division trades under the names of Kays, Great Universal, Choice, Family Album, Kit and Marshall Ward. As well as its large agency and customer catalogue business, over 1,000 salesmen and women are employed by Morses to offer a personal home shopping service.
The catalogue group continued the expansion of its insurance business selling both All Counties and third party household, motor, term life and extended warranty policies, and management envisages further potential in this area.
The food catalogue operation of Family and Andy Hampers performed well in an area which continues to grow.
White Arrow expects to carry over 80 million parcels for GUS Home Shopping and its expanding external service this year and is now one of the largest home distribution companies in the UK. The company has invested substantially in sorting and tracking technology, making it a market leader in this respect and can also deliver a variety of heavy goods and other products to any address within the UK. Expansion to cater for Group companies business in Continental Europe is planned for 1994.
The printing division, Bayle and Choshires, had a satisfactory half-year with some 50% of its sales to external customers. Bayle is responsible for binding the Kays catalogue and printing the cover.
The Supplies and Services division achieved additional savings through the co-ordination of Group requirements and is expanding its third party business.
In Europa, Wehkamp (Holland), Universal Versand (Austria) and Hakons (Sweden) are amongst the market leaders with Vedia (Switzerland) a smaller niche business.
The remainder of the current financial year for all companies is dependent on the outturn of the present season and the level of demand for the 1994 Spring/Summer catalogue. The business climate is highly competitive and price conscious.
BURBERRYS
Demand for the Burberry range of products continued to expand world-wide with a very good performance by the Accessories and Knitwear divisions. Castleford factory has been reorganised and productivity has improved as a result of the installation of co-ordinated computer aided cutting. Increased demand for polo shirts has required the expansion of production at the South Wales plant.
Royalty income has continued to advance as a result of further product development and licences have been agreed for ladies blouses and mens shirts in Germany, for ladies trousers in France and Italy and for spectacles and sunglasses worldwide.
Sales and profit for Burberrys and Scotch House stores in the UK and the USA showed an encouraging increase for the period with September a good month. Sales in UK Duty Free Airport stores have made a good contribution, and it is planned to expand further these outlets. The difficult trading conditions in Europe persisted during the period under review.
Good progress continues to be made in the Pacific area. Two Burberry in-store franchise boutiques were opened in Shanghai in October increasing these outlets to 127 in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Korea, Guam, Saipan, Australia and Thailand. Further arrangements are planned for 1994.
OVERSEAS RETAILING
The division showed a modest increased contribution, with South Africa again making progress despite the political uncertainty in that country. The rationalisation programme undertaken in the last three years in Canada enabled the company to make a small contribution to overall profit, but trading conditions remained very difficult, and further productivity improvements are planned.
PROPERTY DIVISION
Rental income showed an increase of 7.2% in a year in which the number of rent reviews are at a low point in the five year review cycle. The division acquired several properties with a good covenant spread, including The Forge - a major shopping centre in Glasgow - for £35m yielding in excess of 9.75%. The portfolio consists of some 1,200 properties, 900 being freehold with some 98.5% currently occupied, the highest level for many years. Approximately 87% of the portfolio is let to the retail trade, with office accommodation and industrial premises accounting for 10% and 3% respectively. Erdman Lewis confirm that early valuations indicate the Group's investment properties should show an increase over the 31 March 1993 figure of £888m.
CONSUMER & CORPORATE FINANCE AND BUSINESS INFORMATION SERVICES
General Guarantee experienced strong demand for both consumer and corporate advances, particularly for cars and other vehicles. The increased trade was financed by reinvesting funds previously repaid during the recession. There was an improvement in the quality of receivables and an increase in unearned finance charges carried forward to future years. Superior Acceptance Corporation in Canada also performed well and experienced an encouraging demand for consumer advances. Ten new branches have been opened this year.
CCN has seen good growth in orders for information and management services both in the UK and overseas as a result of increased demand from existing and major new clients. The expansion has been aided by the introduction of new management and market analysis products. The Company has continued to expand in the United States, Europe and the Pacific. Several major contracts have been secured and new projects are planned which should contribute to future progress.
SUMMARY
Since the half-year end consumer demand has been selective with some modestly encouraging signs in the UK. Confirmation of the trend must await the outcome of the full Autumn/Winter Season and the early Spring/Summer period. The current low rate of inflation makes comparisons more meaningful.
The overall results demonstrate the value of ongoing investment in the latest technology and systems with a focused approach to merchandise and marketing. The Group continues to place emphasis on improving earnings, dividends and net asset value per share, and invest in the future.

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☐ Opening on the Sabbath will change the retail balance of power ☐ Lasmo loses another one ☐ ICD sees off challenge

Bloody Sunday on the high street

☐ AFTER all the political excitement about changes in Sunday trading law, the studied lack of reaction on the stock market yesterday looked strange. Dealers reasoned that most big supermarket and DIY chains were opening on Sunday where they wanted to anyway. But the one certainty is that the likely change in the law will change shopping patterns substantially.

Whatever was said in the heat of political battle, the drive to Sunday opening was not based on the big chains thinking it was a zero-sum game — that the same total sales would be spread over seven days rather than six. The increasing annoyance of law-abiders, such as Marks and Spencer and John Lewis, was testimony to that. Some strong advocates of liberalisation, such as Boots and Dixons, have also not generally been opening. The supermarket openers have gained by building sales at existing outlets as an alternative to costly new openings in ever smaller or more saturated catchment areas. But that market share has been won at some expense in double pay for staff, which would become a burden if general opening pegged back local gains.

Economists have assumed changes in opening hours would not affect total retail sales. This may not be entirely true. In the non-food sectors, for instance, big chains have lost potential sales to non-specialists, to markets, car boot sales and other "unofficial" traders that have taken some spending the shops regard as their due. Retailers could also gain at the expense of other more overt leisure providers. If total sales rise only insignificantly, however, something else has to give. Either some shops gain and others lose or, when everyone is free to open, pay costs per unit of sales rise — one reason discounters were less keen on deregulation.

DIY sheds, now opening in lonely isolation, might well lose. Much the most likely outcome is that small shops will suffer: both the corner shops that gained disproportionate trade on Sunday and those that will not be able to afford to match Sunday opening by big non-food chains in future. The second best bet is that Sunday working premiums will eventually fall as competition from the previous non-openers grows. As with seven-day supermarket opening, a few initiatives to end double Sunday pay will rapidly become generalised. Sunday opening is also likely to become much more general in England than has been assumed because of the growing influence of shopping malls. Many of these have not opened at all on Sundays. In future, almost all will and any retailer with outlets in those malls would be foolish to keep its shutters down on what will surely become the second biggest shopping day of the week.

In the short-term, margins are likely to come under further pressure. Further ahead, the big gainers will almost certainly be the big retailing powers that have so far been hobbled by obeying the old law.

Still sliding on the slippery slope

☐ RIGHT from the start, shareholders in Lasmo rued the day, more than three years ago, that the oil explorer bid £1.2 billion for Ultramar, an ailing oil distribution and production group. Its own shares sagged under the weight. Once it had won, mainly because Ultramar shareholders were so desparate



for an exit, it started a long period of asset sales and debt reduction that is still contintuing.

The great idea of Chris Greentree, then Lasmo's dynamic chief executive, was to create Britain's leading specialist exploration and production company. So Ultramar's painstakingly built refining and distribution business had to go. But these were unfashionable businesses at the time, so prices obtained were not the best. If shareholders still had any faith, it was undermined by an unexpected — if necessary — accounting change that wrecked the profit and loss account. Dividends fell. Then oil prices fell back as the world failed to come out of recession. Soon there was a tired joke about Lasmo. What do you get if you put two £1 billion companies together? Answer: One £1 billion company. After the further slide in Lasmo shares following a brief recovery this year, shareholders would be delighted if their company were still valued at £1 billion.

Mr Greentree departed more than a year ago. The group's finance director went in October. Yesterday, Lord Rees, the chairman, followed this well-trodden route. Would that this could finally draw a line under the disaster story of what was once the North Sea's brightest winner. But it is not over yet. When the oil price was hanging around $16 a barrel, Joe Darby, who has the depressing job of being Lasmo's chief executive, admitted that exploration budgets might have to be cut if things did not improve by the spring. Now Brent crude trades well below $14 a barrel.

Lasmo still has a future, rising production and some good gas assets and prospects. But it is a shadow of its former self. Lesson one: in the sophisticated world oil business, you have to have a little genius to outguess all the big boys and win by putting all your eggs in one basket. Lesson two has been learnt expensively by many and should be learnt in time by a new generation. Managers build by small successful acquisitions then think they can do better by going for the really big one: it often proves the leap too far. Had Lasmo not won Ultramar, it might have been vulnerable to a takeover. Its shareholders can only dream that history could be replayed.

The sound of music at ICD

☐ THE attempt by John Porter, son of Dame Shirley Porter, and Stephen Morris, a financier with a controversial history, to acquire indirect control of International Communication & Data, on the back of "borrowed" votes, duly failed.

Yesterday's EGM, requisitioned by PSB, brought inevitable polls in respect of the latter's proposals that chairman David Cicurel, along with two other directors, should exit in favour of PSB's chairman Robin Kingsland, deputy chairman Jonathan Self and Porter. Votes favoured the board on the basis of 58 per cent/42 per cent. Cicurel, who presided over the EGM/AGM with not a little panache, pointed out that more than 80 per cent of "independent" shareholders, on ICD's register prior to the revelation of PSB's involvement on September 9, had supported the board. By way of contrast, 94 per cent of "independent" shareholders registered after September 9 favoured PSB's resolutions.

The Takeover Panel confirmed yesterday that it has found no evidence of concert party activity (other than already disclosed). That said, Cicurel clearly hears a noise which, as far as he is concerned, sounds suspiciously like music.

Patrick Cannon, a solicitor acting on behalf of the PSB camp, attempted (unsuccesfully) to make much of ICD's decision to disenfranchise a 900,000 share block held, under nominee, by BHF-Bank. Cicurel's challenge: "Disclose the shareholder's identity and we will enfranchise the shares." No disclosure was forthcoming.

Porter alluded to the possibility of purchasing further stock, while Cicurel reiterates that other suitors are knocking on the door. Hopefully, the front one.

Christian Salvesen increases dividend

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

CHRISTIAN Salvesen, the distribution, specialist hire and manufacturing group, saw its profits excluding exceptional items increase by 1.7 per cent to £41.1 million in the half year to September 30.

Dr Chris Masters, the chief executive, described the figure as "a creditable achievement" given the impact of recession on its main businesses.

Pre-tax profits including exceptional items fell from £53 million to £41.1 million. Last time, the first-half figures were given an exceptional £12.6 million boost from the sale of an oilfield technology business. The dividend has been increased by 3 per cent, from 3.2p to 3.3p.

In the distribution business, a strong US performance offset more difficult trading in Europe. Operating profits rose 7.1 per cent to £18 million. Dr Masters said that, in sterling terms, US profits were 37 per cent higher; in dollar terms they were up 12 per cent. He said the acquisition of Swift, which specialises in distribution for industrial customers, will add to the company's other distribution business, whose customers are mostly retailers.

The specialist power plant hire business had "a reasonable performance", Dr Masters said. Its profits were 2.6 per cent lower at £15 million, but he said last time's figures had been distorted by a significant contribution from the Barcelona Olympics.

Food services, where Christian Salvesen processes 30 per cent of all UK frozen vegetables and packs 40 per cent, was hit by poor summer weather. Overall volumes were 10 per cent lower, but the company said profits fell by under £1 million to £7.5 million.

Dr Masters said the company would not be opposed to further acquisitions, and also plans organic investment in its existing businesses. He said the company's "strategy has been to broaden the base of the business". The level of capital expenditure rose from £30 million to £40 million in the first half, giving net debt of £49.6 million and gearing of 16.2 per cent.

Pilkington keeps pressure on debt despite profits rise

BY NEIL BENNETT

PILKINGTON, the glass manufacturer, is pressing ahead with further disposals to cut its heavy borrowings despite more than doubling its profits in the six months to September 30.

The recovery in profits is being driven by rising prices and turnover in America. However, the group is being hit by the recession in continental Europe, particularly in Germany, where demand has slumped.

The group's profits in the half-year rose from £15.1 million to £30.5 million. Almost all the gain came from the United States where sales of building glass increased 14 per cent.

Regardless of the profit recovery, Pilkington is cutting its half-year dividend from 2.93p to 1.5p. But Sir Antony Pilkington, the chairman, said this was only to rebalance it with the full-year pay-out, which has been cut for two years in a row.

Pilkington is still burdened with debts of more than £800 million despite the £200 million sale of its Sola glasses lens business at the beginning of the month. The group's trading profits were hit with a £41 million interest bill during the half year, up £4 million despite the fall in rates.

Roger Leverton, the chief executive, said the group was still looking at several possible disposal plans to reduce gearing to 50 per cent, or £580 million, by 1995.

Pilkington is considering selling a half stake in its Australian subsidiary, and is also expected to sell its contact lens business once its profitability recovers.



Sir Antony Pilkington, chairman, said the interim payout was being cut to balance up the two halves of the year

The group scored recent notable successes in both its building glass and automotive glass business in America. In building glass, it has pushed through two price increases, in June and November, on the back of strong demand.

Sales to car manufacturers rose 6 per cent during the half year, while the sales to the replacement market increased 13 per cent. Overall profits from Pilkington's American businesses jumped from £2.5 million to £15.4 million.

The scene was reversed at Flachglas, Pilkington's German subsidiary. Prices in Germany slid by 6 per cent in the half year due to overcapacity while the 20 per cent fall in car production led to a slump in automotive glass sales.

The overcapacity in continental Europe also affected the group's British sales and eroded most of the 7 per cent price increase the group tried to introduce in January. As a result, the company is shutting down one of its main production lines in St Helens in the new year to try to reduce the oversupply problem.

Mr Leverton said the turnaround in Pilkington's American operations showed how strongly geared the company is to an economic recovery. He added that the recession in continental Europe showed signs of bottoming out.

Pilkington's continental operations will soon be expanded by its acquisition of a 50 per cent stake in Societa Italiana Vetro, the Italian glass manufacturer, which will strengthen the group's presence in southern Europe.

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Efficiencies at GUS help boost results

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

TECHNOLOGICAL streamlining and improving consumer demand helped boost half-time profits at Great Universal Stores, the retailing and mail order group that has reformed its two-tier shareholder voting structure, and launched a new era of glasnost towards investors.

Pre-tax profits rose to £213.2 million from £194.8 million, with earnings per share rising from 12.9p to 14.3p at what is one of the country's biggest, and previously most secretive, retailing empires. The interim dividend is 4p, compared with 3.44p.

Richard Pugh, deputy chairman, said "individual efficiencies have begun coming through" against a backdrop of gradual economic recovery. Home shopping boosted profits to £68.5 million in the six months to September 30, compared with £56.2 million.

The company said it had launched a drive to reduce paperwork, with 75 per cent of orders now received by telephone. Up to £70 million has been spent on improving mail order technology.

Mr Pugh said the relaxation of Sunday trading laws would not affect GUS, as it had been trading in this way, in effect, "for a long time". He doubted whether retail operations such as Burberrys and Scotch House, which this time saw aggregate profits rise from £8.5 million to £13 million, would open regularly on Sundays. Stanley Peacock, managing director of the division, said Burberrys benefited from returning tourists and expanding demand worldwide, particularly Asia.

Mr Pugh felt the recent Budget was neutral to retailers, and that one pivot of future progress would be the degree of consumer optimism when the Chancellor's more rigorous measures began to bite in six to 18 months.

Overseas retailing profits rose £1 million to £11 million, while property rentals moved ahead to £26.8 million (£25 million). Profits from consumer and corporate finance, banking and business information moved up to £25.8 million (£18.4 million).

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Revenue of British Land rises

BY CARL MORTISHED

BRITISH Land, the property group that in June entered into a £500 million joint venture with George Soros's Quantum Fund, boosted revenue profits from £11 million to £18 million in the half year to September 30. Gross rental income grew by 5 per cent to £73 million and the company expects further growth in income as guaranteed increases flow through from the first rent reviews on its portfolio of superstores.

"The first instalments of these uplifts will be received over the next few months," John Ritblat, chairman, said.

Market estimates of potential growth suggest an annualised uplift next year of £5 million for the group.

The group has spent £135 million on investments via the venture with Mr Soros, including a shopping centre in Basildon and offices in Edinburgh. Mr Ritblat said that the market was continuing to recover, but that, in the longer term, it would be driven by tenants and not just investor money.

Interim pre-tax profit under FRS3 rose to £13 million, from £10 million, after capital costs of £5.1 million. The interim dividend rises to 2.45p (2.28p).

Compass is set for Europe

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE fast rate of expansion at Compass Group, the catering and healthcare combine, has allowed the group to fatten pre-tax profits in the year to September 26 from £31.8 million to £41.5 million.

Francis Mackay, the chief executive, has pledged that expansion will continue and will be focused increasingly on Europe following this summer's purchase of Scandinavian Service Partner, the first such overseas.

Mr Mackay said: "Over the next three years I would be extremely disappointed if we have not gained a significant presence in the rest of Europe." This could come by purchase or by start-up venture. Compass pushed British catering profits ahead by 25 per cent to £30.6 million last year, while the healthcare side rose by a less impressive 7 per cent to £13.1 million. But the latter business will have a boost in next two years from the opening of two new hospitals, at Hendon and Worthing.

Compass, which potentially has about £90 million of unused borrowing facilities to go towards expansion, says prospects for future growth are excellent.

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Rain falls at Scottish Hydro

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

LOW summer rainfall in the Highlands has knocked shares in Scottish Hydro-Electric, the smaller of the two integrated power companies north of the border.

The shares lost 13½p to 435p after Roger Young, the chief executive, said the low rainfall had cut output from the company's hydro-electric power stations and increased costs; this had reduced pre-tax profits by £1.6 million.

Even so, Scottish Hydro reported pre-tax profits up by £5 million to £45.6 million in the half-year to September 30 and a dividend rise of 10 per cent to 3.96p.

Rainfall had continued below average into the second half, and hydro production was unlikely to reach the normal level budgeted for the full year. This would hit profits for the year, but the company is emphasising this should not affect the final dividend recommendation.

Mr Young was puzzled by the abrupt share fall, given that the figures were largely in line with expectations and that the company had raised no new factors. Analysts were inclined to trim current year pre-tax profit forecasts, which had been around the £172 million level.

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Bears squeezed as shares break through 3,300

AN EARLY futures-related advance enabled share prices to breach the 3,300 level briefly with the bears continuing to feel the squeeze.

The FT-SE 100 index hit an all-time intra-trading high of 3,300.1 before boiling over and sinking almost 37 points through the day as investors took profits before the new account on Monday. But the undertone remained firm and the index closed off the bottom 5.8 lower at 3,271.6.

Profit-taking boosted turnover to 884 million shares with heavy trading recorded in utilities after their recent run.

Wellcome came under early pressure dropping 14p to 656p. An article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the American publication, suggests tests carried out indicated that Zovirax had proved ineffective in tackling congenital herpes. Zovirax is one of Wellcome's best-selling treatments. **Zeneca** was dragged lower, ending 12p off at 777p.

Glynwed International added 2p to 332p in response to the start of a two-day visit to the company by brokers and fund managers. The message from Glynwed appears positive.

Rank Organisation continued to benefit from this week's buy recommendations from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, and Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank. Dealers claim yesterday's re-organisation at Xerox Corporation will pave the way for Rank to dispose of its near 50 per cent

STOCK MARKET

stake in Rank Xerox. **Tate & Lyle** eased 2p to 392p with a line of 2 million shares reckoned to be overhanging the market at the close of business last night.

Warburg Securities, the securities house, has told clients the companies most likely to benefit from Sunday opening will be **Dixons**, 4p cheaper at 286p, **Kingfisher**, 1p lighter at 743p and **Argos**, 5p lower at 367p. **Asda**, up 2½p at 52½p, is also expected to benefit.

The banks lost ground as brokers urged clients to take profits. The sector has been one of the best performers in recent months. **Bank of Scotland** slipped 2p to 226p, **Barclays**, 12p to 630p, **Lloyds**, 14p to 641p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 10p to 442p, **Standard Chartered**, 8p to £12.29 and **TSB Group** 3p to 238p.

Pearson lost 14p to 581p amid mounting speculation that plans to dispose of Camco, its American oil services group, had hit a snag. Brokers are worried Pearson may be forced to drop the price.

London International Group, the condom and Marigold Gloves manufacturer, tumbled 34p to 105p after the group plunged into the red at the half-way stage and announced it was not paying a dividend.

By contrast, **Pilkington** climbed 12p to 169p after doubling interim pre-tax profits from £15.1 million to £30.5 million. This was achieved with the help of a £30 million reduction in costs.

First time dealings in **Telspec**, the telecommunications group, got off to a confident start. Offered at 160p, the shares opened at 178p and touched 186p before closing at 181p. But **Celltech**, the biotechnology specialist, closed at 230p against the offer price of 250p, a discount of 20p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts traded in narrow limits for much of the day before a late rise on the back of a firmer German Bund. The March series of the Long Gilt climbed £¼ to £118⁵⁄₃₂ as 53,000 contracts were completed. There was a further flattening of the yield curve as prices at the ultra-long end made headway with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 jumping £⁹⁄₁₆ to £125⁵⁄₃₂. In shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £³⁄₁₆ higher at £115¹³⁄₁₆.

☐ **WALL STREET:** Shares were mixed at midday and what strength the market had was concentrated in blue chips, which received early support from firm overseas bourses and a slighly higher bond market. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 11.73 points at 3,746.26.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4947 (-0.0033)
German mark .... 2.5485 (-0.0044)
Exchange index .... 81.7 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3271.6 (-5.8)
Dow Jones .... 3746.26 (+11.73)*
Nikkei Avg .... 17061.91 (+553.96)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank .... 5¼-5³⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds .... 2¹⁵⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.05-3.03%*
Long Bond 6.14%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4950*	£:$ 1.4949
$:DM .. 1.7056*	£:DM 2.5495
$:SWfr. 1.4673*	£:SWfr 2.1930
$:Ffr ... 5.8415*	£:Ffr 8.7408
$:Yen .108.68*	£:Yen 162.43
£:SDR .. 1.0749	£:ECU 1.3202

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 382.50 .... PM 382.50
Close 382.60-383.10
New York:
Comex 381.55-382.05*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $13.60 per bbl (Jan)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.8 Oct (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

HSBC	817p (+14p)
Royal	317p (+15p)
Meyer Int	491p (+12p)
Redland	589p (+13p)
Compass Group	614p (+19p)
Mitel	410p (+16p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	518p (+32p)
Takeda Chem	727p (+19p)

FALLS:

Barclays	630p (-12p)
Lloyds	641p (-13p)
Euro Disney	390p (-30p)
Allied-Lyons	621p (-12p)
Shell	695p (-11p)
ADT	579p (-15p)
C Salvesen	331p (-17p)
Porvair	278p (-14p)
Zeneca	777p (-12p)
Fine Art Dev	556p (-18p)
Wellcome	656p (-14p)

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Soaring Seeboard to split its shares

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SHAREHOLDERS in Seeboard, the electricity distributor covering southeast England, are to receive a free share for every share held in a scrip issue to cut the company's unwieldy share price. The news accompanied a sharp increase in interim dividend.

The shares, sold to the public at 240p in December 1989, stand at 705p, rising 1p yesterday on the news. Their price should halve once the bonus shares are issued.

The company became the latest distributor to lift its dividend substantially, benefiting its shareholder base of more than 200,000 on the back of soaring profits and healthy cash flow.

Pre-tax profits rose from a strictly-comparable £33 million to £36.3 million in the first half to end-September. The interim dividend is up 15.8 per cent, to a payment of 3.3p after the shares split.

Sir Keith Stuart, chairman, said that there was no "rebalancing" in the rise, prompting the market to expect a similarly high increase at the final stage. This would be in line with dividend hikes announced and projected by four distributors at half-way stage.



Sir Keith Stuart, left, and Jim Ellis, of Seeboard

Seeboard and other distributors have been approached to take over the running of British Rail's electrification network after privatisation of the railway. However, Sir Keith said that it was still "very early days" for the project.

Seeboard, whose chief executive is Jim Ellis, ended the half year with net cash of £47 million, in spite of a capital spending programme that is running at more than £100 million a year.

Sir Keith denied that the company was in any way competing with the others in the sector with its high dividend rise. "We're not terribly hung up about percentage increases," he said.

The company is to pay its 4.5 million customers a rebate of at least £8 during the quarter beginning April 1994, which will coincidentally offset the effect on the average bill of the imposition of VAT on fuel.

The core distribution business increased operating profits by 5 per cent, to £39.3 million. The traditional first-half loss on the supply side was little changed at £6.7 million.

WALL STREET

	Dec 9 midday	Dec 8 close
AMP Inc	61	61
AMR Corp	68¾	68½
Abbott Labs	29¼	29½
Aetna Life	62¼	62¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	45	44¾
Albertson's	25	24¾
Alcan Aluminm	21¼	22
Alco Standard	52½	51¼
Allied Signal	76½	75¾
Alum Co of Am	72½	72¼
Amax Gold Inc	7⅛	7¼
Amerada Hess	45⅞	45¾
Amer Brands	34½	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	51¼	51⅝
Amer El Power	36¼	36⅛
Amer Express	32	31¼
Amer Genl Corp	28⅝	29
Amer Home Pr	62¾	62⅝
Amer Intl	89⅝	88¼
Amer Stores	41½	41¼
Amer T & T	55⅜	55¼
Ameritech	76½	77¼
Amoco	52	52¼
Anheuser-Busch	50⅛	50¾
Apple Computer	32	31¼
Archer Daniels	22⅝	22¼
Arkla	7⅝	7⅛
Armco	6⅝	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	46⅝	47¼
Asarco	22¼	22¼
Ashland Oil	32⅝	32¼
Atl Richfield	102⅝	103⅝
Auto Data Pro	56⅝	55¼
Avery Dennison	29⅛	29¾
Avon Products	51¼	51¼
Baker Hughes	19⅝	19¾
Baltim Gas & El	25⅛	25⅝
Banc One	38⅝	38⅝
BankAmerica	46⅝	45¾
Bank of NY	55⅝	55¾
Bankers Tr NY	78⅝	78⅝
Barnett Banks	41¼	41¼
Bausch & Lomb	52⅝	52⅝
Baxter Intl	23	22¼
Becton Dickson	35⅝	35¾
Bell Atlantic	60	60⅝
BellSouth	56⅝	57¼
Black & Decker	20⅝	20⅝
Block (H&R)	41½	41½
Boeing	39⅝	39⅝
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	18⅝	18
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	27¼	27¼
Burlington Nthn	57⅝	57⅝
CBS	302	300⅝
CNA Financial	77¼	77¾
CPC Intl	48⅛	48⅝
CSX	85⅝	84⅝
Campbell Soup	43⅛	42⅝
Can Pacific	16⅛	16⅛
Cpl Cities ABC	636	636
Cpl Holdings	38⅝	38⅝
Carolina Pwr	29	29
Caterpillar	86⅝	85
Central & SW	29⅝	30
Champion Intl	32	31¼
Chase Manhat	34	34¼
Chemical Bk	40⅝	40⅝
Chevron Corp	86⅝	86
Chrysler	53⅝	53
Chubb Corp	81⅛	80⅝
Cigna Corp	62⅝	62⅝
Citicorp	35⅝	36
Clorox	52⅝	52⅝
Coastal Corp	26⅝	26¼
Coca Cola	44¼	43⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅝	60⅝
Columbia Gas	24¼	24¼
Commonw Ed	28	27⅝
Compaq Comp	72⅝	73⅝
Comp Ass Intl	40⅝	39⅝
Conagra	26⅝	26⅝
Cons Edison	31⅝	31⅝
Cons Nat Gas	45⅝	45⅝
Cons Rail	61⅛	62⅝
Cooper Inds	50	50
Corning Inc	29⅝	29⅝
Crown Cork	40⅝	40
Dana Corp	54⅝	54⅝
Dayton Hudson	70⅝	69⅝
Deere	69⅝	68⅝
Delta Air Lines	59⅛	59⅝
Deluxe Corp	35	34⅝
Detroit Edison	32⅝	32⅝
Digital Equip	35⅝	35⅝
Dillard Dept St	39⅝	39⅝
Disney (Walt)	42⅝	41⅝
Dominion Res	44⅝	44⅝
Donnelley (RR)	29⅝	29⅝
Dover Corp	60⅝	60⅝
Dow Chemical	57⅝	57
Dow Jones	38⅝	38⅝
Dresser	20⅝	19⅝
Duke Power	41⅝	41⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	62⅝	62⅝
Du Pont	47⅝	47⅝
Eastman Kodak	63⅝	62⅝
Eaton Corp	50⅝	51⅝

	Dec 9 midday	Dec 8 close
Emerson Elec	58¼	57¼
Engelhard Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Enron Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	18¼	18⅝
Exxon	62½	62⅝
FMC Corp	45⅝	45¼
FPL Group	37⅝	38
Federal Express	68⅝	68⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	78¼	77¼
First Chicago	43⅝	43⅝
First Interstate	61⅛	62⅝
Firm Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	31¼	31¼
Fluor Corp	41½	42
Ford Motor	64⅝	63⅝
GTE Corp	36¼	36⅛
Gannett	56⅛	56⅛
Gap Inc Del	41⅛	40⅝
Gen Dynamics	92⅝	92⅛
Gen Electric	101⅛	100⅝
Gen Mills	62⅝	62⅛
Gen Motors	55⅝	55⅛
Gen Reinsurance	111⅛	113
Gen Signal	35	34⅝
Genuine Parts	36⅝	36⅝
Georgia Pac	72⅝	72⅝
Gillette	62⅛	62⅝
Glaxo ADR	20⅝	20⅝
Goodrich (BF)	41⅝	41⅝
Goodyear Tire	46⅛	46⅛
Grace (W&R)	39⅝	40
Gt Atl Pac Tea	28⅛	28⅝
Great Wstn Fin	19⅛	19⅛
Halliburton	29⅛	29⅛
Harcourt General	38⅛	37⅝
Heinz (HJ)	36⅛	36⅛
Hercules	110⅛	110⅛
Hershey Foods	50⅛	50⅝
Hewlett Packard	76⅛	76⅝
Hilton Hotels	51⅛	52
Home Depot	42⅛	42⅝
Homestake Mng	21⅛	21⅛
Honeywell	33⅛	33⅛
Household Intl	34⅝	34⅝
Houston Inds	46⅝	46⅝
Humana	17⅛	17⅛
ITT Corp	91⅛	91⅛
Illinois Tool	37⅛	37⅛
INCO	25⅝	25⅝
Ingersoll Rand	38⅛	39⅛
Inland Steel	33⅝	32⅝
Intel Corp	58⅝	59⅝
IBM	53⅝	54
Intl Flav & Fr	112⅝	112⅝
Intl Paper	67⅝	67⅛
James River Va	18⅝	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅝	45⅝
K Mart	22⅛	22⅛
Kellogg	60⅝	60⅝
Kerr-McGee	44⅝	44⅝
Kimberly-Clark	51⅛	51⅛
Knight-Ridder	59⅝	59⅛
Lilly (Eli)	57⅛	57
Limited Inc	17⅛	18⅛
LIN Brdcstng	113⅝	112⅝
Lincoln Nat	43⅝	43⅝
Litton	64⅝	65⅝
Liz Claiborne	21⅛	22⅛
Lockheed Corp	70	70⅝
Louisiana Pac	39⅝	39⅝
MCI Commun	24⅛	24⅛
Marriott Intl	28⅝	27
Marsh & McLnn	80⅝	80⅛
Masco Corp	36⅝	36
May Dept St	42	41⅛
Maytag Corp	16⅛	17⅛
McCaw Cellular	51⅛	51⅛
McDonalds	57⅝	58
McDonnell D	115⅝	114⅛
McGraw Hill	68⅝	66⅝
Mead Corp	44⅛	44
Medtronic	84⅝	84⅝
Mellon Bk	52⅛	51⅝
Melville Corp	39⅝	39⅝
Merck Inc	33⅛	33⅛
Merrill Lynch	47⅛	46⅝
Minnesota Mine	108	108⅛
Mobil Corp	73⅝	73⅝
Monsanto	73	73⅝
Morgan (JP)	72⅝	72⅛
Motorola Inc	92⅛	94
Natl Medical	13⅛	13
Natl Semi	14⅝	14⅛
Natl Service Ind	24⅝	24⅛
Navistar Int	22⅝	23
NBD Bancorp	30⅛	30⅛
NY Times A	26⅝	27⅛
Newmont Mng	55⅝	56
Niag Mohawk	20⅛	20⅝
Nike B	47⅝	46⅝
NL Industries	5⅛	5⅝
Nordstrom	34⅝	34⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	69⅛	69⅛
Nthn State Pwr	43⅛	43⅛
Norwest Corp	23⅛	23⅛
Nynex Corp	41⅛	41⅛
Occidental Pet	17⅛	17⅛
Ohio Edison	22	21⅛
Oracle Systems	36⅛	37⅛

	Dec 9 midday	Dec 8 close
Oryx Energy Co	18¼	18⅝
Owens Corning	46⅝	46⅝
PNC Financial	29⅝	29⅝
PPG Industries	71¼	71¼
Paccar Inc	62⅝	64
Pacificorp	19⅛	19⅝
Pac Enterprises	24⅛	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elec	33⅝	34⅝
Pac Telesis	57⅝	57⅝
Pall Corp	19⅛	19⅝
Panhandle East	21¼	22
Paramnt Comm	80⅝	79⅝
Parker Hannifin	36⅝	36⅝
Penney (JC)	54⅝	55⅝
Pennzoil	55¼	55⅝
Pepsico	41¼	40⅝
Pfizer	65⅝	66⅝
Phelps Dodge	48⅝	49⅝
Philadel Elec	28⅛	28⅛
Philip Morris	55⅝	56
Phillips Pet	27⅛	28⅝
Pitney Bowes	41¼	41¼
Polaroid	36⅛	36⅝
PriceCostco	19⅝	20⅛
Primerica	42	41¼
Procter & Gmbl	57⅝	57⅝
Pub Serv E & G	31¼	31¼
Quaker Oats	75⅝	75⅝
Ralston Purina	37⅝	37⅝
Raychem Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Raytheon	63⅝	63⅛
Reebok Intl	30⅝	30⅛
Reynolds Metals	47⅛	47⅛
Roadway Srvcs	65	65⅛
Rockwell Intl	35⅝	35
Rohm & Haas	53⅝	54
Royal Dutch	102⅛	104⅛
Rubbermaid	34⅛	34⅛
Safeco Corp	56⅝	56⅝
St Paul's Cos	91⅛	91⅛
Salomon Inc	45⅝	45⅛
Santa Fe Pac	21⅛	21⅝
Sara Lee Corp	27⅝	27
Scecorp	20⅝	20⅝
Schering Plough	66⅛	65⅛
Schlumberger	58⅛	58⅝
Scott Paper	39⅝	39⅛
Seagram	27	27
Sears Roebuck	54⅝	54⅝
Shell Trans	62⅛	62⅝
Sherwin Wlms	33⅝	33⅛
Skyline Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	37⅝	38
Southern Co	43⅝	43⅛
Sthwestern Bell	42⅝	43⅛
Sprint Corp	32⅛	32
Stanley Works	40⅝	41
Sun Company	31¼	30⅛
Suntrust	44⅛	44⅝
Supervalu	32⅝	33⅝
Syntex Corp	16⅝	16⅛
Sysco Corp	30⅝	30⅝
TRW Inc	67⅝	68
Tandem Comp	11¼	11¼
Tandy Corp	47⅝	46⅝
Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅝
Teledyne	25⅛	25⅝
Temple Inland	50⅝	50⅛
Tenneco	48⅝	48⅝
Texaco	62⅝	62⅝
Texas Inst	62⅝	63⅝
Texas Utilities	43	42⅝
Textron	54⅝	54⅝
Time Warner	44⅛	44⅝
Times-Mirror	34⅝	34⅛
Timken	32⅝	32⅝
Torchmark	44⅛	45⅝
Toys R Us	40⅝	40⅝
Transamerica	57⅝	57⅛
Travelers Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Tribune	58⅝	57⅝
Tyco Labs	47⅝	47⅝
UAL Corp	150½	150⅝
UST Inc	26⅝	27⅛
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅝
Unilever NV	116⅝	115⅛
Union Camp	47⅛	48
Union Carbide	21⅝	20⅝
Union Pacific	61⅝	61⅝
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11⅛
USAir Group	13⅛	13⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅛	13⅛
US Life	37⅝	38⅝
US West	46⅝	46⅝
United Tech	62⅝	62⅝
Unocal Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Upjohn	30⅝	30⅝
VF Corp	44⅛	44⅛
WMX Tech	27⅛	27⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅛	27⅛
Warner-Lambert	64⅛	65⅛
Wells Fargo	122⅝	123⅝
Westinghouse El	13⅝	14
Weyerhaeuser	43⅝	44
Whirlpool	61⅛	61⅛
Whitman	16⅛	16⅛
Winn Dixie	54⅝	54⅝
Woolworth	23⅝	23⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43⅛	43⅝
Xerox	88⅝	86



ANTHONY HARRIS

The 'bull in a china shop' market

First, an apology. It is always a prime error to overlook the form book, even for a moment; but that was the error implicit in a column giving the Chancellor the benefit of some post-Budget doubts. Now his crass comments on the Brussels proposals for European public investment have reminded us what we should never have forgotten: "Goodfella" Clarke is still the ignorant buffoon who caused such chaos in his previous posts. His only active rival in the butterfingers stakes lives next door; and there are few past challengers. Anthony Barber, perhaps; Shirley Williams; and (except when he was sober) George Brown. Other nominations gratefully received.

Does this seem a churlish comment on the man who proved that you can, after all, tax and be loved? It is meant to be. For consider Clarke's comments on the Delors programme — which is just like the Japanese one that was loudly applauded; and what those comments reveal about his factual ignorance and his underlying thinking.

First, he says that experience proves that debt-finance investment cannot create employment. What experience? The New Deal? The Marshall Plan? Private-sector expansion? In fact, the only notable failures are speculative follies like Canary Wharf and Euro Disney. Then he adds that it would only drive up interest rates, despite the fact that the two great official borrowing binges of modern times, mounted by Reagan and Major, have gone with falling rates. Or take his claim that there is no need for a Euro-initiative, because he got there first with his private-sector infrastructure programme. If this ever happened, it would presumably just drive up rates.

There are two doctrines which could make some sense of what he has said: that markets are ruled by crowding-out, and that you can usefully push on a string. Crowding-out theory has its devotees, though it is nonsense. I prefer to call it the lump-of-money fallacy: it ignores the fact that spending generates income and saving, or in the fine American phrase, that what goes around comes around. That is why the Major and Reagan deficits did not push up rates. What they did do was to push up financial markets, and here, at least, Clarke can claim to be an apt pupil. His forecast of falling deficits depends on wishful growth projections, so the markets assume he will be forced to cut rates to make them come true. Allied with £7 billion of underfunding this year, it has driven markets up smartly.

In short, he is seeking to offset a fiscal squeeze by printing money for the markets. His hope seems to be that a bull market is enough to turn the economy round; *or that if he can make capital* cheap enough, investment will take off, as it has done in the US. The trouble is that US investment rose only after two years of devaluation and ultra-cheap money. At length, this started a solid recovery, and it was only then that the investment spending followed.

The idea that cheap rates alone will persuade businessmen to expand in a depressed goods market is what Keynes called pushing on a string. If the Chancellor wants to know what *can* be accomplished simply by pumping money into the securities markets, he should make a study tour of the country where it has been tried: Japan. What Tokyo shows is that you can fool some of the markets some of the time, but no more. When you stop pumping, bonds stay up, but equities don't.

Perceptive City commentators on this bull-in-a-china-shop market are warning that history may already be repeating itself. As Peter Warburton, of Flemings, puts it this week: "For those who cling to the gilt-equity yield ratio as their principal valuation measure, the current ratio is flashing a green light ... And yet the overvaluation in terms of physical assets or realistic earnings projections is already disturbing. Add another 10 to 15 per cent to today's level, which is quite feasible on a yield valuation basis ... and the odds on a 1987-style reversal next year are shortening."

Just so. Check your ejector seat.

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Emrg Econs	96	−¼
Abtrust Emrg Econs Wts	54	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	93	...
Abtrust Lloyds Wrts	40	+1
Amicable Smlr Ent (100)	101	...
Azlan (230)	257	...
Badgerline (115)	109	...
Canadian Pizza (200)	184	−6
Celltech (250)	230	...
Charles Sidney (110)	106	+1
DFS Furniture (260)	304	+9
Delian Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	98	...
Emerald Energy (1)	1¼	...
Fenchurch (180)	175	...
For & Col Emerg Mkts Wts	63	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	100½	...
Gartmore (168)	184	−1
HCG Lloyds Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Hiscox Select Ins Fd (100)	108	...
Hozelock (250)	255	...
Independent Insce (225)	280	...
Johnson Fry Utils (100)	108	+3
Johnson Fry 0 Pf (100)	104¼	+½
Litho Supplies (190)	210	...
London Insce Mkt (100)	110	+2
Millgate (40)	41	+1
Morgan Grnfl Eqty C (100)	103	+½
NM Smllr Aust (100)	100	...
NM Smllr Wrrts	45	+1
On Demand Info (78)	111	−1
Pilot Inv C (100)	100	...
Royal Doulton	218	+7
Ruberoid (150)	164	+2
Syndicate Capital (100)	96	...
Syndicate Capital Wts	37	−1
Towry Law (190)	197	+1
Ugland Intl	103	...
Wigmore Prop Inv (100)	97	+1
Wigmore Prop Wrts	42	+1

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	13,000	Cadbury	1,500	MEPC	2,100	Scot Power	4,900
Abbey Natl	7,600	Caradon	1,500	Marks Spr	5,300	Sears	3,500
Alld-Lyons	2,900	Carlton Cm	1,100	NFC	2,300	Svrn Trent	1,200
Anglian W	1,500	Coats Vyla	1,800	NatWst Bk	5,400	Shell Trans	3,900
Argyll Gp	6,700	Cm Union	3,100	Nat Power	8,300	Siebe	935
Arjo Wiggn	3,700	Courtaulds	1,700	Nth Wst W	3,100	SmKl Bch	4,800
AB Foods	405	Enterpr Oil	253	Nthrn Fds	1,900	Smith Nph	1,700
BAA	985	Forte	1,400	P & O	2,400	Southrn Elec	571
BAT Inds	5,900	GRE	2,300	Pearson	2,300	Std Chartd	2,800
BOC	728	GUS	4,800	PowerGen	3,800	Sun Allnce	6,400
BP	12,000	Gen Acc	1,700	Prudential	6,300	TI Gp	1,500
BT	7,100	Gen Elec	10,000	RMC	653	TSB	11,000
BTR	8,100	Glaxo	6,300	RTZ	1,700	Tesco	4,100
Bk of Scot	5,700	Granada	2,800	Rank Org	1,500	Thames W	2,100
Barclays	6,500	Grand Met	6,000	Reckitt Col	1,700	Thrn EMI	2,500
Bass	4,500	Guinness	4,700	Redland	2,900	Tomkins	3,400
Blue Circle	1,900	HSBC	5,000	Reed Intl	590	Unilever	1,200
Boots	3,400	Hanson	12,000	Rentokil	1,700	Utd Bisc	2,600
Bowater	2,000	ICI	1,600	Reuters	616	Vodafone	3,000
Brit Aero	5,100	Inchcape	2,600	Rolls Royce	3,600	Warburg (SG)	914
Brit Airwys	10,000	Kingfisher	2,700	Ryl Ins	5,700	Wellcome	1,700
Brit Gas	7,700	Ladbroke	6,500	Ryl Bk Scot	1,500	Whitbd 'A'	1,100
Brit Steel	22,000	Land Secs	2,500	Sainsbury	1,900	Wlms Hld	1,800
Burmah Cst	1,100	Legal & Gn	628	Schroders	124	Wolseley	740
Cable Wire	3,700	Lloyds Bk	4,800	Scot & New	1,700	Zeneca	2,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3746.26 (+11.73)
S&P Composite .... 466.27 (-0.02)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17061.91 (+553.96)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9990.26 (+240.03)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 140.4 (-0.4)

Sydney: AO .... 2095.7 (-0.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2175.80 (+27.67)

FT 30 share: .... 2463.0 (+8.5)

Brussels:
General .... 7357.48 (+52.70)

Paris: CAC .... n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 659.90 (+5.90)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1606.20 (-1.38)
FT 500 .... 1706.74 (-1.99)
FT Gold Mines .... 251.7 (+15.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 129.49 (+0.71)
FT Govt Secs .... 106.31 (+0.37)
Bargains 40655
SEAQ Volume 884.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 149.89 (-0.44)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 6	December 17	March 10	March 21

Calls on 9/12/93: AB Eng, Aitken Hume, Ald Irish Bk, Bakyrchik, Bisichi Mng, Bluebird Toys, Carlisle, Clyde Pet, Com-Tek, Ennex, Enterprise Comp, Ferromet, Flextech, ICI, Minmet, Molynx, NSM, P&P, Ramco, Signet. Puts: Aitken Hume, Ald Irish Bk, Enterprise Comp, ICI, Molynx, NSM, Signet, Stirling. Puts & Calls: Avesco, Clyde Pet, Ossory Est, Renison Gold.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3297.0	3313.0	3273.0	3281.0	18094
Previous open interest: 78028	Mar 94	3321.5	3331.0	3295.0	3300.5	4269
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.69	94.71	94.67	94.69	8876
Previous open interest: 426867	Mar 94	94.97	94.99	94.95	94.96	10751
	Jun 94	95.19	95.20	95.15	95.16	6442
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.61	96.62	96.60	96.60	407
Previous open interest: 14465	Mar 94	96.46	96.47	96.44	96.46	441
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.92	93.93	93.91	93.92	11676
Previous open interest: 750099	Mar 94	94.63	94.64	94.60	94.63	21124
Long Gilt	Dec 93	118-26	119-00	118-23	118-31	1859
Previous open interest: 136872	Mar 94	118-01	118-08	117-28	118-05	58748
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	116.65	116.65	116.52	116.55	1479
	Jun 94				115.52	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.46	100.87	100.38	100.79	118378
Previous open interest: 139873	Jun 94	100.50	100.50	100.47	100.74	46
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.40	103.56	103.38	103.48	2675
Previous open interest: 9501	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.55	93.58	93.53	93.58	799
Previous open interest: 36457	Mar 94	94.28	94.32	94.26	94.29	1213
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.86	95.92	95.84	95.87	6000
Previous open interest: 62711	Mar 94	96.40	96.45	96.35	96.37	6747
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	116.94	116.90	116.14	116.40	37145
Previous open interest: 79043	Jun 94	116.35	116.50	116.32	116.40	243

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 81.7 (day's range 81.6-81.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8520-2.8577	2.8531-2.8563	par-¼ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	53.17-53.44	53.26-53.44	8-12ds	20-27ds
Copenhagen	9.9524-9.9978	9.9623-9.9879	1½-2½ds	4⅞-6⅛ds
Dublin	1.0540-1.0599	1.0546-1.0564	7-10ds	26-31ds
Frankfurt	2.5471-2.5540	2.5481-2.5508	⅛-¼ds	½-⅝ds
Lisbon	258.54-260.24	259.22-260.24	128-156ds	375-415ds
Madrid	207.27-208.36	207.81-208.36	66-78ds	191-211ds
Milan	2496.05-2509.69	2505.53-2509.69	6-8ds	20-22ds
Montreal	1.9711-1.9819	1.9780-1.9819	0.28-0.19pr	0.51-0.39pr
New York	1.4927-1.4952	1.4945-1.4952	0.27-0.25pr	0.71-0.68pr
Oslo	11.0429-11.0884	11.0623-11.0884	¼-1¼ds	¼-1¼ds
Paris	8.7256-8.7469	8.7346-8.7469	⅞-1⅛ds	2½-3¼ds
Stockholm	12.3824-12.4416	12.4044-12.4416	1⅝-2⅛ds	4⅝-6⅛ds
Tokyo	162.17-162.71	162.38-162.60	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	17.9119-17.9549	17.9191-17.9424	⅛-1⅛ds	1⅛-3ds
Zurich	2.1878-2.2032	2.1917-2.1942	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4915-1.4941
Australia dollar	2.2181-2.2229
Bahrain dinar	0.557-0.569
Brazil cruzeiro*	377.00-378.46
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland marka	8.4845-8.6005
Greece drachma	361.5-368.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.5451-11.5544
India rupee	46.40-47.36
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4405-0.4505
Malaysia ringgit	3.8144-3.8186
Mexico peso	4.6-4.7
New Zealand dollar	2.6932-2.6999
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.537-5.663
Singapore dollar	2.3878-2.3910
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4923-6.5714
S Africa rand (com)	5.0245-5.0309
U A E dirham	5.423-5.547

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4836-1.4856
Austria	11.99-12.00
Belgium (Com)	35.61-35.65
Canada	1.3209-1.3219
Denmark	6.6683-6.6733
France	5.8335-5.8385
Germany	1.7048-1.7058
Hong Kong	7.7225-7.7235
Ireland	1.4131-1.4161
Italy	1675.1-1676.1
Japan	108.68-108.78
Malaysia	2.5515-2.5525
Netherlands	1.9078-1.9088
Norway	7.3998-7.4048
Portugal	173.47-173.77
Singapore	1.5972-1.5982
Spain	139.06-139.16
Sweden	8.3026-8.3126
Switzerland	1.466-1.467

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5	5-4⅞	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	
Interbank:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅛-4⅞

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5.

Local Authority Deps	5¼	n/a	5¼	5¼	5¼
Sterling CDs	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅛-5	4⅞-4¾
Dollar CDs	3.27-3.24	n/a	3.28-3.25	3.38-3.35	3.65-3.62
Building Society CDs	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅛-5	5-4⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1993 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1993 to Jan 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.90 %. Reference rate Oct 30, 1993 to Nov 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.618 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅝-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	6⅛-6	7⅛-6⅝
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3¾	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2-1⅞	1⅞-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.50-383.00 Close: $382.60-383.10 High: $383.10-383.60
Low: $380.00-380.50 Krugerrand: $381.00-384.00 (£254.75-256.75)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-90.50 (£58.50-60.50) New $87.50-90.50 (£58.50-60.50)
Platinum: $380.75 (£254.75) Silver: $4.99 (£3.335) Palladium: $126.75 (£84.80)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	600	27½	44½	52½	14½	24	36
(*623)	650	6	21	28½	45	52½	64½
Argyll	260	12	21	25	15	18	25½
(*261)	280	5½	13	16½	29	30½	36
ASDA	50	5½	7½	9½	3	5	6
(*52)	60	2	4	5½	9½	11½	12½
Boots	500	52	63	71	4	9½	17½
(*543½)	550	16½	31	40½	19½	29	38½
Br Airways	420	34½	46	54	9½	18	25
(*442½)	460	14	24½	33½	29½	36½	46
BP	300	27½	35	38	3½	8½	13½
(*320½)	330	—	16½	22½	17	22½	28
Br Steel	130	10½	15	19½	5½	10	13
(*137½)	140	5½	10½	15	11½	15½	18
C & W	475	34	47½	59½	9½	18	25½
(*498½)	500	20½	35	46	21	31	38
CU	600	46	56	65	5	16	22
(*634½)	650	14	27	37½	26	41½	47
ICI	750	36½	49½	60	16	37½	46½
(*765)	800	13½	26½	36½	45½	68½	76
Kingfishr	700	57	73	82½	7	17½	28½
(*742½)	750	24	42½	53	27½	38½	51
Land Sec	750	57½	68½	76½	5	11½	22
(*791)	800	18½	36½	46½	23½	32	45
M & S	420	34½	44½	49½	5½	10½	15½
(*447)	460	10½	21½	27	22	26½	33½
Nat West	600	34	44½	55½	12½	29	35½
(*615½)	650	10½	21	33	42	59	64½
Sainsbury	390	34½	47	52	5½	12	19
(*417)	420	13	29	36	17	25	33
Shell	650	55	61	68½	3½	13½	19½
(*694½)	700	19	28½	39	19½	36½	43½
Smkl Bch	360	34½	44½	53	7	16	22½
(*382½)	390	17	28½	38½	21	30½	37
Storehse	220	13	21	25½	7½	11	15
(*228)	240	3½	12	16	18½	22½	26
Trafalgar	80	10½	13	14½	3½	4½	7
(*87½)	90	4	7½	9½	8½	9½	13
Unilever	1150	49	70	88½	18½	41	53
(*1171)	1200	22	44	62	45	67½	76½
Zeneca	750	46½	59½	73	14	33½	46
(*776½)	800	18½	32	49	38½	62	73
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	420	38½	44½	53	10½	17½	20½
(*451)	460	14	22	31½	30	35½	40½
Ladbroke	140	29½	29	32	6½	13	15
(*156)	160	14	18	22½	15½	24	26½
Utd Bisc	330	26	31	35	11	19	23½
(*340½)	360	12	15	21½	28	38	43

December 9, 1993 Tot: 53665 Calls: 36338 Puts: 17327 FT-SE Calls: 13141 Puts: 6688

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	950	67	89½	105	8½	20½	31
(*998½)	1000	33½	58½	75	27	40½	52
Thames W	550	28½	41	50½	11½	19½	33
(*563)	600	7½	18	26	41	45½	62
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	500	49½	55½	60½	9	19	26½
(*533½)	550	18½	27	33½	30½	46½	53½
BTR	330	32	36	41½	6	13	16
(*351)	360	12	19	25½	19½	28½	30½
Br Aero	420	35	47	60½	26½	37½	46
(*426½)	460	18	30	43	50½	61½	69
Br Telcm	460	20½	28	36½	14	18	25½
(*469½)	500	5½	12	18	42	43½	49½
Cadbury	453	32	36½	—	9	19	—
(*470)	493	12	16	—	30	42½	—
Guinness	460	27	37	43½	16½	26	32½
(*469½)	500	9½	18	25	39	51	56½
GEC	300	26	32½	36½	5	8	13½
(*320)	330	8½	15½	20½	19½	23	29
Hanson	260	16	19½	23	6½	11	15
(*270)	280	7	10	14	17½	22	26
LASMO	100	17	20	22½	6	10	12½
(*108½)	110	10½	14	17½	10½	15	17
Lucas	180	18½	22	27	7½	11½	14½
(*189)	200	8	13	17	18	22½	25½
Pilkingtn	160	13	17½	23½	9½	10½	17
(*168)	180	6½	9½	14½	22	22½	29
Prudential	330	31	35	40½	5½	12	15
(*350½)	360	12½	17½	24	18	28	30½
Redland	550	54	62½	70	11½	24½	30
(*588½)	600	24	34	43	30½	50	55½
Royal Ins	317	19	—	—	15½	—	—
(*318)	346	7½	—	—	33½	—	—
Tesco	180	23	27	28½	5½	9½	11½
(*195½)	200	11	15	17½	13	20½	22
Vodafone	550	47½	63	76½	25½	36½	48
(*564)	600	24½	38	53½	55	65	75
Williams	330	31	36	40	6	17½	17
(*350)	360	13½	19½	24½	20½	29½	33

FT-SE INDEX (*3273)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
Dec	193	136	87	45	15	4
Jan	204	161	121	85	56	34
Feb	220	178	140	107	78	56
Mar	232	194	157	125	95	72
Jun	267	—	197	—	138	—
Puts						
Dec	1	1½	3½	12	36	82
Jan	14	20	31	46	68	99
Feb	23	32	44	61	83	113
Mar	34	46	58	77	98	127

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	460	36½	40	45	2½	16½	21
(*482)	500	4	18	25½	23	38½	42
Amstrad	40	3½	6½	8	1½	4	5½
(*41½)	45	1½	4	5½	4½	7	8
Barclays	600	37	55	61½	3½	18	24½
(*631)	650	6	26½	35½	24½	44	49½
Blue Circ	330	15½	29	35	4½	15½	24
(*340)	360	2½	15	21½	23½	32½	42
Br Gas	330	22½	31½	36	2	7½	13½
(*349)	360	3	14	18½	14	22	29
Dixons	280	12	24½	32	5½	17½	22½
(*285½)	300	3½	15½	22½	17½	28½	34
Forte	240	11	22	26	3½	12½	18
(*247)	260	2½	11	16½	16	24	30
Hillsdwn	140	16	22	24½	1½	5½	10½
(*153½)	160	2½	10½	13½	9	15	22
Lonrho	130	10½	17	21	2	8½	11½
(*137½)	140	3½	12	16	6	14	17
Sears	120	10	14½	16	1	4	6
(*128)	130	2½	8½	10½	4½	8½	11½
Thrn Emi	1000	19½	49	70	14½	44	57½
(*1002½)	1050	3½	27½	47½	53½	74½	84
Tomkins	220	14	21	25½	2	8½	12
(*230½)	240	2½	11½	15½	12	19	23
TSB	240	6½	15	20½	5	14½	18
(*248)	260	1½	6½	11½	21½	28½	30½
Wellcome	650	21½	53½	65½	13½	36½	50½
(*657)	700	4½	31	46	48½	65½	78½
Series		**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo	650	54½	81½	100½	3½	31	42½
(*697½)	700	17	54½	74	18½	54	66½
HSBC	750	73	97	106½	2½	24½	35
(*817)	800	29½	64½	77	9	45½	57½
Reuter	1750	33½	106	140½	26	97½	113
(*1752½)	1800	12½	76½	115	58	119½	138½
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	156	13	19	—	1½	6½	—
(*167)	176	2	8½	—	12½	17	—
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	140	6	16	18	4½	12	18
(*141½)	160	1½	7½	10½	20½	34½	31½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastrn Elc	650	27	39½	49½	24½	31	42½
(*652½)	700	8½	19½	23½	59	63½	74½
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	420	24½	37	44	2	10	16½
(*440)	460	3	15½	24½	22½	30½	37½
Scot Pwr	420	29½	37½	46	1½	9	14
[illegible]	460	7½	15½	24½	19	29	33

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar showed no reaction to a report that Russia intends to go ahead with a fifty per cent white sugar import tax. The tax is clearly designed to support the domestic refining industry, and should not reflect overall sugar demand. The proportion of whites to raw imports will change dramatically. However, there is a great deal of scepticism that the levy will be workable and actually imposed.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	990-970	Mar	1023-1020
Mar	1047-1046	May	1025-1024
May	1044-1043	Jul	1026-1025
Jul	1042-1040	Sep	1036-1034
Sep	1042-1040		
Dec	1025-1023		Volume: 4847

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1254-1253	Sep	1226-1215
Mar	1244-1243	Nov	1219-1215
May	1228-1227	Jan	1219-1210
Jul	1226-1220		Volume: 2393

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.13-11.26
Spot: 271.30		Jan	unq
Mar	10.99-11.04	Mar	unq
May	11.14-11.21	May	unq
Jul	11.34-11.42		Volume: 161

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	279.3-77.0
Spot: 285.5		Dec	279.3-75.0
Mar	285.4-84.9	Mar	282.3-77.9
May	286.0-85.4	May	285.3-79.9
Aug	291.5-89.9		Volume: 275

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	75.75	88.94	123.14
(+/-)	-2.13	-1.51	+0.59
Eng/Wales:	75.77	89.53	122.46
(+/-)	-2.13	-1.93	+0.20
(%)	+17.4	-51.1	-25.0
Scotland:	73.44	89.56	128.93
(+/-)	+2.05	+0.71	+4.67
(%)	+60.0	-57.7	-47.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	...
					Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	101.20
Mar	102.35
May	103.90
Jun	104.80
Sep	91.10
	Volume: 160

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	105.00
Mar	106.50
May	107.80
Sep	92.65
Nov	95.00
	Volume: 31

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	130.0	115.0
Apr	92.0	92.7
May	110.3	107.9
		Volume: 206

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kl)
Jan 61.50-62.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Physical North Sea crudes firmed following the cancellation of some brent loadings.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.65	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Dec)	13.65	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	13.60	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	14.55	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	14.90	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	142 (+1)	144 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	143 (+1)	144 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	148 (n/c)	150 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Feb	148 (n/c)	150 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	54 (n/c)	56 (-1)
Naphtha	132 (n/c)	134 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Dec	142.75-43.00	Mar	143.75-44.00
Jan	142.75-43.00	Apr	144.25 SLR
Feb	143.25-43.75	May	144.00 BID
			Vol: 27138

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	13.59-13.60	Apr	14.25-14.30
Feb	13.80-13.81	May	14.46-14.52
Mar	14.04-14.05		Vol: 35273

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Dec	136.00-39.50	Mar	unq
Jan	unq	Apr	unq
Feb	unq		Vol: 14

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

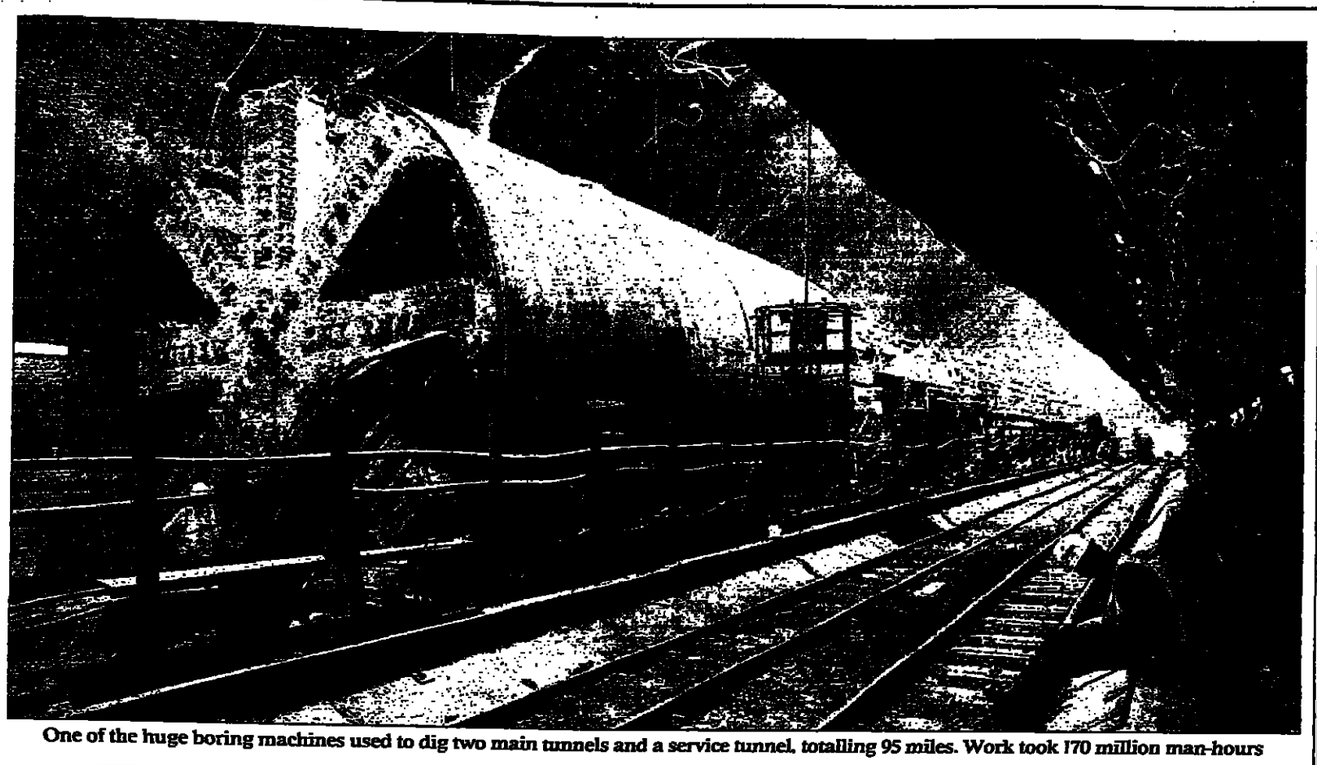
	High	Low	Close
Dec 93	1245	1245	1248
Jan 94	1260	1250	1254
Feb 94	1280	1280	1270
Apr 94	1295	1285	1285

Vol: 136 lots. Open int'st: 2460 Index 1241 -6

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1676.0-1676.5	1698.5-1699.0	2112775
Lead ($/tonne)	447.00-448.00	460.50-461.50	119625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	977.00-978.00	995.00-996.00	811475
Tin ($/tonne)	4730.0-4732.0	4780.0-4782.0	19030
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1099.0-1100.0	1119.0-1119.5	1200375
Nickel ($/tonne)	4950.0-4954.0	5010.0-5011.0	66504

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One of the huge boring machines used to dig two main tunnels and a service tunnel, totalling 95 miles. Work took 170 million man-hours

Tunnel visionaries lay on train trip into the future

The tunnel's saga of disputes cannot mar its builders' achievement, says Philip Bassett

Car commuters hammering in and out of London on one of the capital's arterial roads have recently been treated to an eye-catching but stomach-churning advertisement. A motorised billboard, yawning groggily in a manner queasily reminiscent of bad sea crossings, proclaims: "Next year there'll be a smoother way across the Channel."

Today, for the first time, a small sample of the British public will be able to gauge how true that is. A train carrying an assortment of business leaders, City figures and journalists will pass through the portal of the Channel tunnel and head out under the sea for France.

The beano takes place to mark this morning's formal handover of the tunnel by its builders, the Anglo-French consortium Transmanche Link, to its operators, Eurotunnel. The handover marks the completion of an extraordinary industrial endeavour and is a key step towards the start of services in three months' time.

Publicly, Sir Alastair Morton, for Eurotunnel, and Neville Simms, for TML, will stress the sheer achievement of the tunnel's construction. Privately, though TML will continue to be at the tunnel site in the final phases of commissioning, both men will be heartily glad that this stage has been reached and that one of the most tempestuous commercial relationships in recent business history is drawing to a close.

At many points since the governments of Britain and France announced, almost exactly eight years ago, their formal support for the tunnel scheme, today's train trip looked about as likely as — or a good deal less likely than — putting a man on Mars. Dogged by delay, abuse, threats and legal action, the relations between TML and Eurotunnel have taken on the characteristics of a business leader's nightmare.

Sir Alastair, in particular, has won an almost unmatched public reputation for aggression and difficulty, yet even those with grudges against him as a result (and they are many) accept that a project as exceptional as the tunnel could probably not have been completed without someone of his unswerving drive. A measure of his achievement is his co-opting by the Treasury — one of numerous institutions to have felt his lash — to head Kenneth Clarke's task force on generating private funding for large-scale infrastructure projects.

A fixed link between Britain and mainland Europe has been both a dream and a joke for centuries. The first attempt at a tunnel was begun more than 100 years ago, but work on the Beaumont tunnel, as it was called, was abandoned in 1882 after two years because Britain feared being invaded. (That tunnel, still there, had to be partly dismantled and filled in, to enable the modern tunnel to be built). Another start, in 1975, was also aborted.

In June 1988, the first drive of the real tunnel was started in France; in Britain, work began a couple of months later. On December 1, 1990, Phillipe Cozette, a French miner, and his British counterpart Graham Fagg, with national flags in their hands for the cameras, broke through to join up the 15,618 metres of the French part of the service tunnel and the 21,770 metres of the English portion.

The figures for the project are astonishing. There are 95 miles, or 150 kilometres, of under-sea tunnel, which took 170 million man-hours to build. They are lined with 800,000 concrete segments, each weighing up to nine tonnes. Twenty million tonnes of spoil have been deposited behind a purpose-built sea-wall to create a 73-acre recreational amenity area by Folkestone, on the Kent coast. There are 950 kilometres of overhead power conductors, carrying enough electricity to power a city of 250,000 people, and 1,300 kilometres of power cables. The French and English terminals alone are among the largest-scale construction projects of the late 20th century.

A price has been paid in human terms. Eight people have lost their lives and more than 1,300 have been injured on the UK side during the tunnel's construction, according to the Health and Safety Executive, though the builders have been more assiduous than is usual in the construction industry in reporting accidents.

Financially, though the actual building of the service tunnel and two running tunnels was completed on time, the tunnel operation itself will be a year late in opening for business. At least another £1 billion are still needed next year in a rights issue and from Eurotunnel's 220 banks, so the tunnel's final cost of some £10 billion will be double what was originally estimated.

There remain serious doubts both about the volume of traffic the tunnel will attract, and the revenue it will generate. A recent poll suggested that many cross-Channel travellers remain sufficiently uneasy about the tunnel, despite both TML's and Eurotunnel's stress on safety, to be unlikely to rush to use it. Freight users may be equally sceptical.

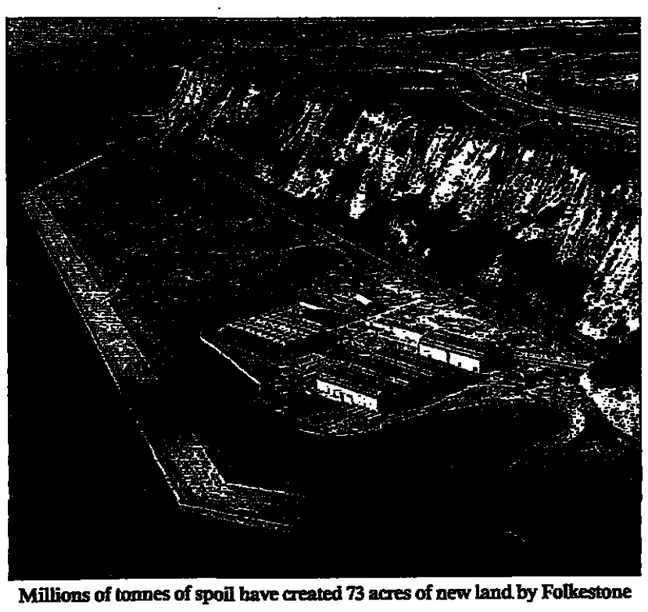
Given such uncertainty, revenue forecasts inevitably range widely. No authoritative independent estimates, however, envisage Eurotunnel's shareholders seeing any dividends before the next century.

Some City analysts see no profit for Eurotunnel until 2003, even on the most optimistic projections. Pessimists predict that losses will stretch on for another decade after that, with shareholders never seeing a dividend before Eurotunnel's concession expires in 2041.

Sir Alastair and Mr Simms will both strike more optimistic notes when they complete the handover of the tunnel in Folkestone this morning. On March 7, Le Shuttle freight services — initially, two an hour in each direction at peak times — are due to begin. Tourist services are set to start when the tunnel is formally opened on May 6 by the Queen and President Mitterrand. Eurostar services from the new terminal at London's Waterloo Station are scheduled from the following month.

Disputes still abound in a project characterised by them. That is unsurprising, given the extraordinarily complex nature of the undertaking, starting with the achievementof getting the British and French to work together. There have been worrying signals such as yesterday's one-day strike over jobs by SNCF railway workers in France. Nevertheless, French high-speed trains are set to deliver passengers to the French portal at Sangatte, while confusion still surrounds the UK rail link.

Today, such arguments are likely to be far from people's minds as the first train to carry passengers not involved with the tunnel's construction heads into the Kent portal. Self-deprecation is a British characteristic: but as the UK train emerges in France, a burst of mutual Anglo-French self-congratulation at such an astounding achievement — the greatest European industrial project in modern times — would be appropriate.



Millions of tonnes of spoil have created 73 acres of new land by Folkestone

TEMPUS

A glass act

THE market has become so accustomed to large rights issues from building material companies that it was astonished when Pilkington failed to issue the expected cash call with its half-year figures. Unlike some others, Pilkington is determined to dig itself out of debt without expanding its equity base.

A wise decision, given the slow pace in the group's building and automotive markets. The recession in continental Europe has depressed prices again just as the group seemed to have survived the worst of the downturn in Britain. The last thing the group's cash flow needs is a further strain from a larger dividend commitment.

But Roger Leverton, the chief executive, has shown he can fulfil his promise to cut gearing to 50 per cent by 1995. The sale of Sola alone has cut it to 67 per cent, while the group should be cash generative this year, the first time since 1989. If the American business continues to improve he may even reach his target without selling a half stake in the Australian business, as he plans.

Pilkington has cut £100 million out of its cost base in the last 18 months. The speed of the turnaround in America, on the back of a very modest rise in volume and prices, is an indication of how dramatically the group's profits will recover when the European economy improves. But the overcapacity and margin pressure in the European market will not evaporate overnight. While Pilkington's profits may reach £125 million in 1994-95, their shares are trading on 22 times next year's earnings, showing that the market already assumes Mr Leverton can deliver on all his promises.

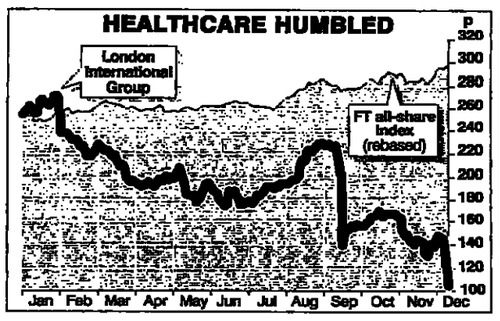
LIG

THE downfall of London International Group is a reminder that even a company with a world-renowned product can mess itself up completely. Most pharmaceutical companies must dream of owning a generic product like Durex, which commands high margins but still has a world market share of up to 40 per cent.

LIG's downfall has been its obsessive diversification. Repeated acquisitions with attached provisions have ensured that cash has persistently drained from the business, keeping debts high. When trading worsened, the house of cards caved in.

The new management team must now dig themselves out of this mire. The reorganisation provision at the end of the year could be £50 million or more, pushing losses to £60 million. This will cut shareholders' funds to as little as £50 million, leaving gearing at more than 300 per cent, so the chance of a final dividend looks slim.

LIG's future rests on the success of the disposal programme, but it will struggle to find anyone willing to buy the photo-processing side for more than its £28 million asset value. The sale of the other peripheral business may raise another £60 million, still leaving the group with the task of addressing a remaining debt of maybe £65 million with the operating cashflow from Durex. The shares have some recovery value, but only the brave would guess when that recovery may materialise.



GUS

ANY fear that GUS's decision to enfranchise its 'A' shares this summer was a sign of impending rebellion in this bastion of prudence was groundless. GUS's half year figures show that it has lost none of the innate caution which has served so well while less well-founded retailers were going down the tubes.

GUS's core home shopping business has long been considered counter-cyclical, but there is no evidence that the sluggish high street recovery is hitting its sales yet. The 4.8 per cent rise in the division's sales is more than some high street chains have achieved, since GUS is driving its catalogue sales by widening its customer base and enhancing its telephone ordering service.

GUS's management does not seem in any more of a hurry to spend the group's cash resources that they have ever been. Indeed, the decision to increase their gilt portfolio suggests that the group plans to stay cash rich for the forseeable future. GUS did invest £50 million in retail property, but that hardly dented an underlying cash flow of £141 million.

The most heartening feature of the figures was the 16 per cent rise in the dividend, showing that GUS really does mean better by its shareholders than of old. Even so, the current year yield is unlikely to be more than 2.8 per cent, suggesting that outperformance of the shares has gone far enough.

Compass

THE fall in margins at Compass's core catering business from 9.6 per cent to 7.7 per cent should not be seen as a weakness but as an opportunity, resulting as it does from dilution caused by the many acquisitions the group has bolted on over the past year. Indeed, margins within the continuing business remain unchanged, and it is this level that the management wants to impose on the newcomers.

Healthcare, the second leg, is being squeezed both by recession and by the health insurance companies that have had a particularly rough time. But Compass can take comfort from the projected growth in the numbers who have health insurance of 50 per cent to 10 million by the year 2000. The shares, overlooked of late, sell on less than 15 times' this year's earnings, which does not look expensive. Further expansion into Europe, as expected, will have to be carried out with some caution.

NW Water

NORTH West Water has been more successful than most at winning contracts in far-off places, but the company has so far revealed little about terms, nor the likely size and timing, of the payoff. North West, like its peers, needs unregulated income. Having trimmed the workforce by about 3,000 over four years, the likely gain in margin from further reductions in the cost base is questionable, as the company contemplates the cost of using new technology to link its widespread infrastructure. But the ambition to create 10 per cent of the group's annual profits of £250 million from businesses generating only £3 million in a half year looks wishful thinking.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Good tidings for Govan

BRITAIN'S biggest commercial shipbuilder, the London-listed Norwegian group Kvaerner, sailed in with its seasonal good tidings yesterday at its *Julebord* Christmas lunch at its offices in St James's. Erik Tønseth, Kvaerner's unpretentious chief executive, was clearly pleased to announce that all his UK operations are now in profit. This means that even Govan, the once moribund Clydeside shipyard, has finally made it back into the black. Already employing 4,000 people in Britain, Tønseth says he intends to increase activities over here, and that means more acquisitions, probably in the first half of next year. As Kvaerner is hardly likely to want any more shipbuilding capacity this side of the North Sea, Tønseth's keen Norse eye is likely to be focused on offshore technology companies.

ProShare laurels

IF Stephen Dorrell was a little rushed in his speech at the ProShare inaugural awards at the Dorchester on Wednesday evening, some in his 500-strong audience of businessmen were not complaining. For the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, after lavishing praise on his hosts for extending employee share ownership, had to dash off to cast his vote in the Sunday trading debate in the Commons. He was excused in particular by David Sainsbury, a strong backer of ProShare, whose interests in the vote were not far removed from the eventual outcome. Dorrell pointed out that 10 million people now owned shares in Britain, but that there was "still much to be done". Sir Peter Thompson, the chairman, was, however, keen to underline the importance of promoting best practice among companies in their relations with employees as well as shareholders. Overall winners were British Gas, for excellence in employee share ownership, and SmithKline Beecham, for excellence in services to private investors. Commendations went to BP, Amoco, FI Group, BAXI Partnership, BTR, Guinness and Taunton Cider. Understandably, perhaps, the *Financial Times* won the award for the newspaper doing most for individual share ownership, according to a poll of all the entrants.



"It's a reduced Pilkington dividend."

Pressing need

STANDARD Life says it is "keen to build a higher profile within the press" in its advertisement for an experienced press officer. The rest of the truth is that the company has a gap to fill. It is losing Jacqui Low, its present press officer, who on January 5 takes up what has been described as one of the loneliest jobs in the world — head of media and research for the Scottish Conservatives. At the other end of the political spectrum, and other side of the media table, Edward Balls, the *Financial Times*' young (only 27) economics guru, is leaving Fleet Street to become top economic adviser to Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, in February. Employment, or rather the lack of it, is one of Balls's special areas of focus, and his skills will be much needed in the great debate on this subject on which the European Commission, opposed by the British Government, has embarked in earnest.

Venerable worker

THE pace of City life these days is ill-designed for those wishing to stay at their desk until the age of four score. Yet, there are still those that manage it in style. Alfred Caplin, for one, puts in a full day's work at Smith New Court's mergers and acquisitions department. Caplin's secret is that he has little time for modern technology. Something of a genius in mathematics, he much prefers to work things out in his head. To mark his achieving the status of octagenarian, his colleagues yesterday presented him with a cake in the shape of *The Times* crossword, one of his long-standing passions. In his thank you speech, the venerable Caplin spoke of his intention to work for "many years" to come. After all, he believes that he is only third oldest among the old faithfuls still serving the City.

COLIN NARBROUGH

BUSINESS LETTER

Settlement at Lloyd's

From H. H. Marcus

Sir, The Lloyd's proposal to settle the losses suffered by Names has been carefully prepared, but it fails to cap future losses and is therefore unacceptable to most.

Names face a difficult dilemma. If they reject the inadequate offer, Lloyd's is likely to go under and total chaos will destroy the victims of incompetence and negligence.

If the offer is accepted, the open-year syndicates can take away with one hand what has been given by the other by declaring new deterioration of the accounts. Nothing short of capping, even at a price, will help. It happened in the case of the Outhwaite Settlement, where immediately after the handout a new loss of 60 per cent of the investment was declared and payment demanded.

However, a word of warning must be added: Some hard pressed and dispirited Names might want to pick up the crumbs thrown at them and by so doing forgo the right to litigate in the courts.

This will reduce the number of potential plaintiffs and throw greater financial burdens on the other members of the numerous action groups. The experience of past years seems to demonstrate that the lions have done better than the sheep! I am sure someone will pick up the pieces in the end.

Yours sincerely,
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Grofund Euro	195.10	205.50	+ 1.70	...
Grofund Expt Bal	112.40	116.50	- 1.00	1.10
Grofund Gilt	82.21	84.76	+ 0.46	4.45
Grofund Japan	157.80	166.10†	+ 3.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	525.50	559.10	+ 3.00	2.21
General Inc	473.30	503.60	+ 2.60	2.21
UK Growth Acc	358.10	381.00	+ 1.30	2.38
UK Growth Inc	250.83	266.90	+ 1.30	2.38
Higher Inc Acc	672.30	715.50	+ 5.50	3.33
Higher Inc Inc	402.20	427.90	+ 3.30	3.33
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	194.90	205.80	+ 0.80	5.34
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	99.66	105.20	- 0.40	5.54
Nth America	265.20	282.20	- 1.80	...
Far East	337.50	359.10	+ 6.20	0.01
Europe	265.40	282.40	- 2.60	0.80
Brit Excell	71.91	76.50†	+ 0.42	2.46
Brit Fndmtls Acc	102.10	108.70	+ 1.10	4.12
Brit Fndmtls Inc	77.55	82.51	+ 0.81	4.12
Global Opps	83.40	88.73†	+ 0.70	0.05
Balanced Acc	54.17	56.92†	+ 0.42	2.25
Balanced Inc	53.68	57.11†	+ 0.40	2.25
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	139.80	148.20†	+ 1.00	5.40
High Inc Equity	167.40	178.00	+ 2.00	4.42
Worldwide Bond	272.60	289.10†	...	3.43
Capital Growth				
American Growth	304.00	325.10	- 0.80	.97
Asian Pacific	365.70	389.00	- 5.70	.24
Assets & Earnings	254.70	270.90†	+ 3.60	2.01
Comdty & Energy	116.10	124.10	+ 5.90	.44
1992 Enterprise	90.90	97.21	+ 0.82	1.98
Euro Capital Inc	122.60	131.10	+ 0.90	.74
General	229.90	244.50	+ 3.10	2.22
Japan	111.80	119.50	+ 1.90	...
Mastertrust	136.10	145.50	+ 1.70	1.28
UK Growth Dist	125.30	134.30	+ 0.80	2.13
US Emerging Cos	131.10	139.40	- 0.50	..
Income & Growth	391.30	416.10†	+ 6.60	3.15
Ethical	70.70	75.21	+ 0.73	2.42
International	109.40	116.30	+ 1.40	.43
Dividend & Growth	62.91	66.92	+ 0.82	4.20
Global Gwth & Sec	64.21	68.30	+ 0.19	2.78
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1575.0	1645.0	+ 1.00	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	61.76	63.03	+ 0.58	0.79
Amer Inc & Growth	45.21	47.85	- 0.05	0.66
Cash	50.05	50.05†	...	4.92
European	99.06	105.10	+ 0.89	...
European Income	96.43	102.47†	+ 1.13	4.46
Exempt	993.80	1044.4	- 0.70	3.65
Extra Income	52.52	57.23†	+ 0.34	4.60
Far East Emg Econ	116.80	126.40	- 1.09	0.51
Fixed Interest	24.30	25.94†	- 0.01	7.12
Fund Inv Tst	166.40	177.60	+ 1.30	0.95
Japan	183.50	195.60	+ 2.10	...
Latin American	67.11	71.42	+ 0.33	0.70
Pacific	74.39	79.67	+ 0.96	0.34
Property Share	72.49	77.38	+ 0.19	1.70
UK Emerging Cos	62.28	66.47	- 0.07	1.87
UK Growth	44.99	48.42	+ 0.22	2.43
World Growth	74.71	79.75†	+ 0.70	0.69
Ethical	64.68	69.04†	+ 0.36	2.57
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	55.45	55.45†	+ 0.19	7.36
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	93.65	99.63	+ 0.04	3.36
UK Equity Growth	81.95	87.18	- 0.02	2.71
European	65.04	69.19	+ 0.65	1.42
Nth American	66.56	70.81†	- 0.16	1.03
Far Eastern	66.50	70.74†	+ 1.08	0.26
Money	64.94	64.94	+ 0.01	4.37
Fixed Interest	74.04	78.77	+ 0.13	5.92
Index Linked Gilt	69.31	73.75	+ 0.13	1.57
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 25 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	67.90	72.23	+ 0.73	2.53
British Income	78.53	83.54	+ 0.97	3.23
Select Portfolio	82.18	87.42	- 0.12	...
Formerly AEtna.				
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SYS LTD 161 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	76.35	81.01	+ 0.37	2.02
Income Builder Inc	68.23	72.59†	+ 0.47	2.81
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	245.80	262.70	- 1.10	2.87
Capital	413.70	442.30	- 0.70	1.80
Balanced	691.50	739.20†	- 0.70	2.32
Accumulator	1260.0	1346.0†	- 3.00	2.80
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.27	53.73	+ 0.18	3.03
High Income	433.30	463.00	- 0.60	3.41
Equity Income	244.50	261.30	+ 0.10	3.31
High Yield	266.10	284.40†	- 0.30	3.31
Govt Securities	35.69	37.67	+ 0.16	4.75
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	136.60	146.00	+ 1.00	0.17
European Growth	32.39	34.40	- 0.06	0.44
International	153.70	164.00	+ 3.00	0.36
Japan	183.80	196.30	+ 4.30	0.01
Pacific	400.80	428.40	+ 7.60	0.21
Secs of America	428.00	455.50†	+ 2.50	0.54
Wwide Asset Val	45.20	48.30	+ 0.83	0.29
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	539.50	576.70†	+ 0.30	2.15
Conv & Gilt	48.73	52.09	+ 0.24	3.86
Smaller Cos	166.10	177.50	+ 0.10	1.22
2nd Smaller Cos	157.70	168.50	...	1.21
Recovery	137.90	147.40†	- 0.20	1.97
Met Min & Cdty	148.30	158.50†	+ 2.20	0.85
Overs Earnings	346.90	370.80†	+ 0.20	2.17
Technology	156.00	166.60	+ 1.60	0.05
UK Special Sits	444.50	475.10	- 2.70	2.04
ARKWRIGHT MANAGEMENT 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.10	142.70†	+ 0.10	2.04
Income	76.00	80.86	+ 0.05	4.23
European	57.21	60.87†	+ 0.64	0.90
Recovery	129.10	137.40	+ 0.60	1.88
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Constrd Ord Pens	98.76	102.60	...	1.45
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BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	73.74	78.44	+ 0.56	1.98
International	60.75	64.62	...	0.52
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America	302.60	325.70†	...	...
Bond	129.10	135.70	...	5.82
Brit Smlr Cos	94.56	100.60	...	1.00
Conv & Gen	61.67	63.82†	...	5.31
Energy	431.20	467.80†	...	0.26
Europe	215.20	229.30†	...	0.66
Euro Smlr Cos	94.43	100.00	...	0.97
Income Gwth	340.60	363.50†	...	4.22
Japan	301.60	320.70†	...	...
Pacific	117.30	125.00†	...	0.65
UK Smlr Cos	47.86	50.91	...	1.06
Japan Fd	686.70	706.30	...	...
Mngd Fd	175.50	186.70	...	2.60
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	287.50	302.60	...	1.19
Capital Gwth	115.50	121.60	...	2.23
Wwide Opps	189.20	199.20	...	0.48
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	352.80	367.50†	+ 5.30	2.70
European Bd Inc	100.60	104.20	+ 0.20	7.17
Exempt	77.92	83.15†	+ 1.26	3.90
Financial	75.98	81.27†	+ 1.31	2.35
500.00	438.90	470.70	+ 2.40	2.53
General	271.10	296.30	+ 4.30	2.50
Property	241.80	259.30†	...	6.14
Trustee	190.10	203.30	+ 2.80	2.39
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80	...	4.93
Extra Income	120.30	128.70	+ 1.50	4.08
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.15	65.37†	+ 0.28	7.73
Income	548.40	586.60	+ 6.20	3.94
Income Builder	67.48	71.78	+ 0.65	4.62
Intl Income	68.85	73.24	+ 0.73	2.83
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	120.90	129.10	+ 2.20	2.54
Leisure	115.40	123.50	+ 1.60	1.57
Recovery	410.40	439.00	+ 6.40	2.60
Smlr Cos Inc	39.65	42.52	+ 0.03	2.23
Special Sits	274.40	293.50	+ 5.10	1.96
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.60	140.60†	+ 0.10	0.22
Aust Acc	237.20	252.40	+ 0.60	1.44
Aust Inc	148.50	157.50†	+ 0.30	1.44
Euro Gwth Inc	135.50	143.80	+ 1.50	0.44
Japan & Gen Inc	165.10	174.80	+ 1.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	72.37	76.66	- 0.81	...
Univ Tech Inc	73.19	77.78	- 0.70	0.50
Worldwide	168.00	179.40	+ 1.50	0.40
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	99.94	106.10	- 0.50	0.10
Amer Smlr Cos	133.00	142.50	- 0.40	...
Cash Trust	50.23	50.23†	...	4.90
Convertibles	58.65	62.72	- 0.19	5.60
Eastern	280.80	302.80	+ 3.90	1.60
Equity Income	93.50	99.46†	- 0.45	5.00
European Growth	281.30	298.90	+ 2.50	1.50
Europe	193.30	204.50†	- 1.90	1.50
German Growth	75.29	80.17	+ 0.18	0.70
Global Bond	70.95	74.85	+ 0.23	5.30
Global Growth	126.00	134.50†	- 0.80	...
Japan Growth	190.90	204.70	+ 3.10	...
Japan Sunrise	162.80	174.20	+ 2.30	...
Korea Trust	64.06	68.60	+ 0.45	...
Portfolio	134.30	143.50	+ 0.60	3.20
UK Growth	91.76	97.61	+ 0.42	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	89.55	95.77†	+ 0.05	1.90
Select Managers	74.56	79.76	+ 0.64	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	75.27	80.07	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	49.94	53.13	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	174.40	186.50	+ 2.90	0.50
Dividend	83.83	89.66	+ 1.16	4.26
Int Gth & Inc	232.00	248.10	+ 2.40	2.64
UK & Gen	46.12	49.33	+ 0.57	1.31
Fund of Funds	64.82	69.33	+ 0.29	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6620				
Balanced Growth	107.13	114.60	+ 0.79	1.55
Smaller Cos	94.37	100.93	+ 0.41	1.03
Higher Yield	44.71	47.81	+ 0.24	3.01
American Gth Inc	67.71	72.42	+ 0.35	...
European Growth	120.91	129.32	+ 0.88	0.17
Global Bond Inc	31.11	33.02†	+ 0.08	4.86
Mngd Pfolio Inc	41.43	44.31	+ 0.26	1.06
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	70.25	71.20	+ 0.14	4.90
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Environ	146.20	155.70†	+ 1.00	1.39
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	188.50	200.30	+ 1.00	1.80
-do- Income Dist	113.60	120.50†	+ 0.10	4.43
Gilt & Fxd Int	45.42	48.15	+ 0.22	5.77
For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	146.40	155.80	+ 0.10	...
European Inc	76.37	80.78	+ 0.68	0.74
Far East & Gen	63.67	66.68	+ 1.57	...
Smaller Cos (4-1)	75.65	80.48	+ 0.05	1.58
Growth	434.50	454.10	+ 2.60	2.14
Income & Growth	424.40	451.50	+ 1.00	3.41
Master Portfolio	10683	11100†	+104	1.95
Special Sits	96.89	102.87	+ 0.45	2.12
High Yield	1361.0	1404.0†	+10.00	3.91
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	37.75	40.37	+ 0.03	0.91
Cash Income	50.13	50.13†	+ 0.01	5.53
European Gwth	38.38	40.91	+ 0.38	0.86
Income & Gwth Inc	28.42	30.39	+ 0.31	4.07
Intnl Gwth	30.80	32.94	+ 0.36	0.78
Japan Gwth	25.06	26.80	+ 0.26	...
Managed Tst Inc	49.62	53.06	+ 0.63	0.49
Oriental Opps Inc	158.50	169.50	+ 1.80	0.58
Property Shares	43.06	46.05†	+ 0.15	1.77
Smaller Cos	29.19	31.21	+ 0.05	1.70
UK Growth Tst	25.63	27.41	+ 0.26	2.75
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	73.08	78.15	+ 0.77	1.65
Cap Hse UK Inc	68.49	73.25†	+ 0.46	2.33
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.47	27.24	+ 0.20	0.39
European Acc	26.42	28.25	+ 0.20	0.39
Financial	152.10	162.60	+ 1.00	2.50
Foundation	86.99	93.03	+ 0.69	2.74
German	51.05	54.59†	+ 0.37	0.07
High Income	78.67	84.13†	+ 0.54	6.07
Income	135.10	144.40	+ 0.90	3.81
Intl Growth	37.32	39.91†	+ 0.23	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	103.90	111.10	+ 0.70	1.66
Mngd Pfolio Acc	197.70	211.40	+ 1.40	1.66
Monthly Income	80.22	85.79†	...	3.98
North American	109.40	117.00	- 0.40	0.16
Orient	141.20	151.00	+ 2.90	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.64	87.32	+ 0.13	2.36
American Portfolio	90.09	96.06†	+ 0.23	0.96
European Portfolio	87.98	93.86	+ 0.88	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	60.51	64.50	+ 0.87	...
Pacific Portfolio	139.49	149.99†	+ 1.46	0.75
UK Inc & Growth	73.61	78.88	- 0.13	4.14
Utility & Bond	59.24	59.95	- 0.19	6.27
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5800				
UK General Tst	67.25	71.54	+ 0.37	2.80
Global Tst	61.05	64.94	+ 0.50	0.30
Recovery Tst	68.86	73.25	+ 0.45	1.80
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	133.84	144.46†	...	1.80
UK Growth	103.32	111.66	...	1.12
UK Income	107.85	117.08†	...	4.16
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	91.83	97.06	...	1.72
Beck Bio-Tech	41.61	44.27†	- 1.88	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	146.83	154.96†	...	1.15
City Fin Assets	69.43	73.08	...	1.68
City Fin America	81.42	85.71	...	...
City Fin Intl	73.77	77.66†	...	0.50
City Fin Japan	152.72	160.76	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	266.46	280.48	...	2.32
Friars Hse Inc	204.16	216.04†	...	4.86
Buckley Wrld Grth	132.65	141.12	...	0.71
Fairmnt Cap Gth	137.90	146.16†	+ 2.63	...
-do- Inc & Gth	115.96	122.06†	+ 1.10	1.62
Fairmount Intl	153.37	161.44†	+ 3.48	...
City Fin Pflio Inc	61.55	66.48†	+ 0.43	3.41
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	53.99	57.29	+ 0.29	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	57.50	61.99	- 0.08	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.87	39.64	+ 0.36	0.11
Dragon Growth	75.80	81.07	+ 1.60	0.37
Equity High Inc	85.04	90.23†	+ 0.56	3.45
European Gwth	47.94	50.87	+ 0.45	1.08
Evergreen	29.23	31.26	+ 0.16	...
General Equity	84.16	89.29	+ 0.40	2.13
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.99	29.42	- 0.09	7.90
Japan Growth	43.66	47.13	+ 0.69	...
Pedigree Gwth	49.86	52.90	+ 0.15	2.04
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.49	32.35†	- 0.08	0.89
Retirement Inc	26.84	28.86	+ 0.16	5.19
Special Sits	35.90	38.40	+ 0.09	1.82
UK & Overseas	49.04	52.03	+ 0.47	2.02
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	65.37	69.91	+ 0.59	2.75
Income	62.81	67.18	+ 0.44	3.71
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	165.95	176.54	+ 0.02	5.01
Fixed & Convertible	46.74	49.72	- 0.06	5.71
Monthly Inc Plus	53.16	56.55	+ 0.25	7.92
Preference Share	51.98	55.30	- 0.09	6.88
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	133.98	142.53	+ 1.04	5.76
Managed Fund	68.51	72.88	+ 0.53	2.77
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.16	41.66	+ 0.04	1.97
UK & General	78.07	83.05	+ 0.62	2.61
UK Growth	135.25	143.88	+ 1.06	1.62
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	177.74	189.09	- 1.77	...
Far Eastern Gth	135.20	143.83	+ 2.02	0.29
Global Bond	88.02	93.53	- 0.10	5.71
Japan Growth	108.19	115.10	+ 2.16	...
North Amer Gth	162.02	172.36	+ 0.19	...
Oriental Growth	84.37	89.76	+ 1.17	...
Worldwide Growth	62.64	66.64	- 0.48	0.23
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.14	92.14	+ 0.01	4.85
Homemaker Fund	76.47	81.35	+ 0.63	1.88
Quilter Fund	138.02	146.83	+ 1.16	2.02
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 040				
Growth Inc	58.25	61.96	+ 0.32	2.90
High Income	34.58	36.78	+ 0.21	4.40
Japan	31.80	33.82	+ 0.44	...
Smaller Cos Inc	28.86	30.70†	+ 0.02	2.40
Smaller Cos	30.04	31.95†	+ 0.02	2.40
North American	32.15	34.20	+ 0.06	0.60
European	34.99	37.22	+ 0.24	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.38	33.70	+ 0.19	4.39
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	804.10	818.30†	...	3.74
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	70.49	74.99	+ 0.98	1.62
Income	240.40	255.80	+ 1.80	3.34
Smaller Cos	137.00	145.80	- 0.20	1.01
Inv Portfolio	76.98	81.90	+77.83	1.48
High Income Port	68.75	73.14	- 0.36	3.51
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 430 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1382.2	1410.2†	+25.20	...
Japan Small Cos	1038.1	1058.9†	-57.40	...
UK Small Cos	1631.0	1703.5	+ 3.40	...
US Small Cos	1592.4	1639.1†	- 0.70	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	178.90	188.30†	...	2.90
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	241.30	255.10	+ 3.40	1.18
New Asia	215.70	232.50	+ 2.30	0.34
Japan Growth	112.30	119.50	+ 2.00	...
Jap Smllr Co	460.10	489.20	+ 3.70	...
Nth Amer	240.40	254.80	+ 0.50	0.96
Stalfrd Asia Pac Mt	119.10	127.90	+ 0.90	0.49
UK Inc & Grth	219.70	234.50	+ 1.60	3.45
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	139.20	148.10†	+ 2.70	2.33
UK High Inc Inc	153.80	161.60†	+ 2.90	5.41
UK Pref & F I Inc	64.03	67.89†	+ 0.25	6.49
Envrnmntl Opps	79.78	84.87	+ 1.13	1.45
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	119.20	126.70†	- 0.30	0.39
Convertibles	23.28	24.74	+ 0.06	7.88
Equity Income	136.00	144.50†	+ 1.00	3.46
EuroFund	43.74	46.28	+ 0.49	0.86
Financial	49.82	52.93	+ 0.40	2.29
Growth & Inc	239.10	254.00	+ 1.80	2.95
High Dist	160.80	170.90†	+ 1.20	4.39
International	371.30	394.50	+ 3.00	0.82
Intl Income	96.21	102.70	+ 0.70	2.53
Latin American	43.00	45.69	+ 0.20	0.27
Pacific	84.12	89.38	+ 1.15	0.34
Preference Share	25.31	26.89	+ 0.13	5.76
Tokyo	193.70	205.60	+ 4.80	...
UK Smaller Cos	221.40	235.20	- 0.70	1.00
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	205.50	219.70	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	197.70	210.30	+ 5.30	0.44
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	74.22	78.13	+ 0.45	1.68
Far Eastern	309.06	325.33	+ 4.26	1.41
High Income	134.28	141.35†	+ 0.21	4.37
Intl Growth	114.63	120.66	+ 1.68	1.11
North American	115.64	121.73	+ 0.30	0.93
Pelican	118.97	125.23	+ 0.05	2.99
Smaller Cos	70.83	74.56†	- 0.37	2.01
Special Sits	87.46	92.06	+ 0.13	1.94
Tst of Inv Tsts	177.71	187.06	+ 0.98	2.00
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	186.91	196.78	+ 0.12	1.77
Smaller Cos Acc	327.05	340.68	+ 0.20	1.77
Recovery	45.96	47.88†	+ 0.02	2.27
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	119.00	127.37†	+ 0.60	4.91
Capital Growth	79.33	85.08	+ 0.77	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	42.98	45.85	+ 0.52	0.24
High Income	49.49	52.79	+ 0.25	8.39
Warrant	58.51	63.60	+ 1.25	...
Zero Preference	37.42	39.71†	+ 0.08	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 228 707				
Family Asset Tst	72.96	77.61	...	2.39
Family Income Tst	50.85	54.09†	...	6.20
Family Trust	78.62	83.64	...	1.66
United Charities	238.30	253.50†	...	3.69

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.80
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	25.17	26.52	+ 0.01	3.14
-do- Europe	24.70	26.02	- 0.01	4.94
-do- America	23.80	25.08	...	0.55
-do- Acc Japan	28.31	29.83	- 0.24	0.77
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.67	31.97†	+ 0.06	6.26
Intl Bond	32.67	34.14	+ 0.10	4.92
Income Funds				
High Income	27.99	29.45†	+ 0.11	4.88
Income Plus	122.90	130.70†	+ 0.50	3.57
Amer Eq Inc	47.61	50.51	+ 0.16	0.71
European Income	41.95	44.61	+ 0.73	2.62
Far East Inc	65.41	70.08†	+ 0.29	2.39
Global Convertible	23.90	25.50	+ 0.11	2.31
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	67.89	72.42	+ 1.55	...
American	230.90	244.80†	- 0.40	...
Amer Spec Sits	108.40	115.70	+ 1.30	...
Japan Smaller Cos	36.16	38.58	+ 0.31	...
European	151.00	160.60	+ 1.70	...
European Opps	56.17	59.73	- 0.61	...
UK Growth	83.82	89.13	+ 0.49	...
Growth & Inc	156.80	166.80	- 0.50	3.01
Intl PEP	34.45	36.63	+ 0.30	...
Japan Spec Sits	79.31	84.70	+ 1.27	...
Japan	168.00	179.50	+ 3.50	...
Managed Intl	253.20	270.40	+ 2.00	...
Moneybuilder	48.84	52.10	+ 0.48	...
Recovery	40.32	42.88	+ 0.21	...
South E Asia	163.80	174.80	+ 6.00	...
Special Sits	476.50	506.70	+ 1.00	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	112.30	118.30	+ 0.60	3.18
UK Reverse Index	73.59	77.96	- 0.42	4.85
Europe Index	116.20	122.40	+ 0.80	4.58
-do- Reverse Index	68.58	73.28	- 0.74	7.94
America Index	102.50	107.90	- 0.10	0.89
-do- Reverse Index	93.86	98.93	+ 0.28	1.00
Japan Index	115.00	121.50	+ 1.00	1.07
-do- Reverse Index	107.30	113.30	- 2.10	1.42
Cash Accum Units	103.67	103.67	+ 0.01	4.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 31 Sun Street, London EC2 M2QP 071 377 9242				
Balanced	136.00	138.90	...	2.18
Inc Pfolio	89.12	90.72†	+ 0.94	3.52
Cap Pfolio	147.20	150.00	+ 1.20	0.59
General Opps	126.80	128.60†	...	3.33
Growth Inc	31.42	32.01†	+ 0.21	2.13
Private Portfolio	416.50	422.90	...	1.44
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin. PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	109.00	115.30	+ 1.30	0.42
Far Eastern	159.00	170.50	+ 1.20	...
High Income	23.75	25.27†	+ 0.07	10.00
Overs Income	99.43	106.30†	+ 0.20	2.82
UK Growth	108.60	116.20	+ 0.50	1.00
UK Income	108.60	116.30†	+ 1.00	5.16
US Smaller Cos	285.40	305.20	- 0.90	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	50.49	53.71†	+ 0.43	3.87
-do- Inv Tst Inc	74.75	79.52	+ 0.48	3.90
Intl Growth	68.85	73.24†	...	1.23
Investment Trust	86.06	91.55	+ 0.50	0.24
UK Smaller Cos	77.57	82.52	- 0.23	1.33
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	55.34	59.15	+ 0.03	...
(Accum Units)	55.34	59.15	+ 0.03	...
Amer Smllr Cos	486.50	520.20	+ 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	497.10	531.60	+ 0.30	...
Capital Tst	299.30	318.30	+ 0.40	1.56
(Accum Units)	421.30	448.10	- 0.60	1.56
Conti Smllr Cos	53.72	57.64	+ 0.33	0.80
(Accum Units)	56.16	60.25	+ 0.34	0.80
Convertible	134.40	142.90	+ 0.60	5.38
(Accum Units)	255.10	271.30	+ 1.20	5.38
Emerging Markets	77.78	83.09†	+ 0.98	...
(Accum Units)	77.86	83.18†	+ 0.98	...
European	111.90	119.30	+ 0.70	0.40
(Accum Units)	116.70	124.40	+ 0.80	0.40
Extra Income	328.30	349.20	+ 1.80	3.48
(Accum Units)	470.10	500.00	+ 2.50	3.48
Financial	124.60	133.70	+ 0.60	0.49
(Accum Units)	130.40	139.90	+ 0.60	0.49
Gilt Trust	71.91	74.14	+ 0.62	5.48
(Accum Units)	95.20	98.16	+ 0.82	5.48
Health Fund Inc	136.80	145.00	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	136.80	145.00	+ 0.20	...
Income & Growth	196.40	208.60†	+ 1.40	3.51
(Accum Units)	284.50	302.60†	+ 1.90	3.51
Intl Growth	357.00	381.40	+ 0.90	...
(Accum Units)	396.50	423.60	+ 1.10	...
Japan & Gen	174.10	186.00	+ 2.30	...
(Accum Units)	175.90	187.80	+ 2.30	...
Managed Port Inc	102.40	107.70	+ 0.50	0.71
(Accum Units)	107.60	113.20	+ 0.50	0.71
Monthly Income	165.20	175.70	+ 0.90	3.59
Quarterly Income	55.74	59.29	+ 0.36	5.20
(Accum Units)	57.00	60.63	+ 0.36	5.20
Recovery	323.00	345.40	+ 2.70	0.28
(Accum Units)	379.50	405.80	+ 3.20	0.28
UK Growth	51.99	55.44	+ 0.34	2.49
(Accum Units)	51.99	55.44	+ 0.34	2.49
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	390.48	415.40†	+ 4.83	2.35
-do- Accum	805.50	856.92†	+ 9.96	2.35
FP Euro Gth Dist	125.39	133.39	+ 1.27	0.66
-do- Accum	130.22	138.53	+ 1.32	0.66
FP Fixed Int Dist	145.34	153.73†	+ 1.06	5.40
-do- Accum	251.72	266.28†	+ 1.83	5.40
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.78	93.38†	+ 0.87	0.61
-do- Accum	91.26	97.09†	+ 0.91	0.61
FP Nth Amer Dist	187.54	198.67	+ 0.08	0.58
-do- Accum	204.39	216.52	+ 0.08	0.58
FP Pac Basin Dist	295.47	314.33	+ 4.56	0.01
-do- Accum	301.11	320.33	+ 4.65	0.01
Stewardship Dist	332.00	353.19†	+ 2.65	1.78
-do- Accum	398.49	423.93†	+ 3.18	1.78
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	71.12	75.66†	+ 0.53	3.25
-do- Accum	89.14	94.83†	+ 0.66	3.25
N Am Stshp Dist	100.57	106.99	- 0.79	...
-do- Accum	106.40	113.19	- 0.82	...
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	239.10	252.90†	+ 3.50	1.94
Cash	49.46	50.20†	+ 0.01	4.35
Growth Portfolio	82.57	87.52	+ 0.99	0.34
Income Portfolio	70.68	74.75†	+ 0.98	3.33
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	151.30	161.90	- 1.30	...
European	485.10	516.60	+ 5.40	1.40
Far East & Gen	260.80	278.90†	+ 3.40	...
Germany	122.50	130.40	+ 1.00	...
Global Assets Inc	81.78	86.79	+ 0.52	0.87
Income Inc	146.40	156.60	- 0.10	5.04
International	323.90	345.90	+ 2.10	0.68
Intl Income	85.76	91.11†	+ 0.45	3.88
Japan & General	397.00	422.40	+ 3.40	...
Korean Securities	63.45	67.73	+ 0.51	0.19
Smllr Cos Div Inc	47.03	50.30	- 0.10	5.77
UK Capital (Inc)	173.00	185.10	- 0.10	1.90
UK Spec Sits	84.48	90.36	+ 0.18	0.37
US & General	130.70	139.10	+ 0.30	...
Wwide Spec Sits	149.60	159.20	+ 1.20	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	50.71	54.24	+ 0.64	1.95
Cash Trust	131.42	131.42†	+ 0.01	4.78
Practical Inv Inc	114.38	122.33	+ 0.41	3.61
UK Index	147.88	150.42	+ 0.84	2.87
UK Smaller Cos	106.46	113.86	- 0.42	1.51
Income Funds				
Preference Share	28.01	29.96	+ 0.05	8.44
High Income	35.77	38.26†	+ 0.20	4.55
UK Equity Income	145.16	155.25	+ 1.01	3.44
Global Bond	30.88	31.99	+ 0.11	4.56
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	59.71	63.86	+ 0.60	...
Global Inc & Gth	134.70	143.45	+ 0.74	1.53
Gold & Intl Res	112.77	120.61	+ 4.18	0.57
Global Utilities	134.60	143.96	+ 0.97	0.69
Overseas Funds				
American	138.17	147.59	- 0.37	0.49
European	94.62	100.19	+ 0.81	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	118.50	125.93	+ 1.07	0.22
Amer Emerging	97.59	104.37†	- 0.38	...
Hong Kong	168.40	190.11	+ 3.87	0.92
Japan	210.77	224.25	+ 4.37	...
Pacific Growth	230.37	246.39	+ 5.82	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	208.80	208.80	+ 1.26	1.82
Long Term Bal	229.66	229.66	+ 1.49	2.13
Med Term Bal	195.62	195.62	+ 1.36	2.48
UK Equity	231.23	231.23†	+ 1.49	1.46
UK Emerging Cos	131.70	131.70†	+ 0.34	2.04
American	232.62	232.62	- 0.09	1.26
Japan	120.30	120.30	+ 2.82	...
European	241.16	241.16	+ 2.14	1.02
Index Linked Gilt	174.67	174.67†	+ 0.40	2.93
Fixed Interest	169.18	169.18†	+ 0.80	6.12
Amer Emergng	252.71	252.71	+ 1.12	...
Pacific	247.67	247.67†	+ 3.64	0.58
Emerging Mkts	179.46	179.46	+ 1.02	...
Index Strat Japan	135.92	135.92	...	0.26
-do- Pacific Rim	199.54	199.54	...	1.33
-do- Cont Europe	140.27	140.27	...	1.72
Index Strat USA	130.75	130.75	...	2.13
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	98.82	105.13	- 0.02	...
Med Term Bal	93.10	99.04	- 0.69	...
Long Term Bal	103.56	110.18	- 0.72	...
UK Equity	106.80	113.62	- 0.74	...
UK Emerging Cos	61.28	65.72	- 0.17	...
American	108.20	115.11	- 0.04	...
Japan	57.95	61.65	- 1.45	...
European	100.71	107.14	- 0.95	...
Fixed Interest	84.71	90.11	- 0.43	...
Index Linked Gilt	77.38	82.32	- 0.18	...
Deposit	76.23	81.09	- 0.03	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	122.60	129.05	- 1.02	...
Berkeley Income	114.25	120.26	- 0.47	2.12
BWH Intl	133.55	140.58†	- 0.33	0.60
Brdlff Gth Port Inc	59.87	63.19†	+ 0.29	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.16	62.44	+ 0.32	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	51.88	54.54	+ 0.06	1.00
Shaw Utilities	57.36	60.75†	+ 0.46	3.51
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 2533				
Inv Opportunities	133.20	140.80†	...	...
Higher Income	122.50	129.00†	...	3.16
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
S Intl Inc	530.03	563.86	...	0.09
European Inc	136.19	144.88	...	2.29
Amalgam Inc	138.81	146.94	...	0.37
N America Inc	318.30	338.62	+ 4.26	...
Far East Inc	305.02	324.49	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	154.36	164.21	...	1.27
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7885				
UK Equity Inc	88.13	92.82	+ 2.31	4.02
UK Small Cos	46.53	49.27	+ 0.05	1.10
British Growth	56.20	59.25	+ 0.90	2.16
American Gwth	151.35	161.85	+ 0.39	..
Japan Gwth	74.00	79.11	+ 1.26	..
Greater China	196.68	210.35	+ 1.22	0.95

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Strategy	167.09	178.70	+ 2.41	0.15
European Gwth	76.29	81.58†	+ 0.03	0.52
Intl Growth	148.12	158.42	+ 1.48	0.34
US Index (E)	13.642	14.574	+0.008	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	74.66	79.00	+ 0.96	2.15
Monthly Income	46.85	49.73†	+ 0.55	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (E)	11.930	12.465	+0.000	4.40
Euro Index (E)	12.698	13.288	+0.010	4.50
Japan Index (E)	9.6624	10.113	+0.232	1.85
US Index (E)	14.355	15.018	+0.009	1.50
Cash (E)	9.5415	9.5892	+0.000	5.10
UK Bear (E)	7.3591	7.6953	+0.003	4.40
European Bear (E)	8.1333	8.5116	+0.003	4.50
Japan Bear (E)	14.166	14.827	-0.333	1.85
US Bear (E)	9.1451	9.5873	+0.016	1.50
Dollar Bull (E)	15.748	16.481	+0.048	1.50
Dollar Bear (E)	7.1129	7.4371	-0.012	4.40
Gilt Bull (E)	11.923	12.463	+0.007	4.40
Gilt Bear (E)	7.0738	7.3962	-0.004	4.40
Dollar Cash (E)	10.639	10.692	+0.012	1.90
Grd UK Index (E)	12.232	12.874	+0.361	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	87.57	93.16	- 0.21	1.39
Bridge Income	276.09	291.16†	...	4.98
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9469				
Cash	133.60	133.60	...	5.33
European	420.40	449.10†	+ 4.60	0.12
Gilt & Fixed	139.20	147.80	+ 1.30	4.59
Growth Equity	327.10	349.40†	+ 6.80	1.91
Income Trust	127.80	136.50	+ 2.60	2.94
International	177.80	189.90	+ 1.30	...
Japan Trust	115.60	123.40	+ 2.20	...
Nth American	270.10	288.50	- 1.40	0.26
Pacific	574.80	614.50	+10.40	...
Guardhill	480.90	513.70	+ 8.80	2.00
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	112.69	116.98†	+ 0.07	7.68
Global High Inc	117.57	122.04	- 0.13	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	118.58	123.10	+ 0.40	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.30	111.96	+ 1.14	5.50
European Growth	91.21	96.98	+ 0.73	...
Intl PEP Trust	57.18	60.80	+ 0.14	...
High Income	118.92	126.49†	+ 1.74	3.53
Recovery	340.70	362.30†	+ 2.00	3.47
St Vinc High Inc	132.96	134.95	+ 0.54	7.57
Tmp Bar Emer Co	219.10	233.00†	+ 0.60	2.84
Tmp Br Sm Co In	309.80	315.30	+ 1.40	3.10
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	39.16	41.52	+ 0.30	1.39
Income Advtg Inc	33.47	35.48†	+ 0.30	3.35
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	198.10	210.20†	- 2.60	2.25
Smaller Cos	31.89	33.93	- 0.07	1.83
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	277.21	296.61	+ 1.85	1.43
Best of British	62.25	66.53†	+ 0.40	2.17
UK Smaller Cos	114.72	123.35	- 0.30	1.04
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	268.05	285.47†	+ 1.66	3.08
High Income	320.66	342.78†	+ 1.25	3.73
Extra Income	292.91	311.82†	+ 1.66	4.07
Pref & Gilt	49.76	53.49†	+ 0.11	7.61
International				
International	259.77	277.28	+ 3.36	0.31
Global Bond	59.39	63.17†	+ 0.24	5.72
Family of Funds	78.42	83.89	+ 0.27	0.48
Global Tech	143.81	153.80†	+ 0.17	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	183.90	196.66	+ 4.17	0.25
European	441.28	467.15†	+ 3.28	0.46
European Income	81.53	86.34	+ 0.63	2.31
Euro Smlr Cos	136.14	144.75†	+ 0.64	0.36
Eur Sp Sits	57.00	60.84	+ 0.45	0.28
Japan Trust	195.39	208.15	+ 3.04	...
Japan Special Sits	224.50	239.42	+ 3.21	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	256.32	272.68	+ 4.19	0.16
North American	236.27	251.56	+ 0.35	0.15
American Smaller	106.25	113.58	- 0.05	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	56.45	59.83	- 0.02	...
Eur Sp Sits	48.94	51.87	+ 0.19	...
General Growth	41.35	43.83	+ 0.28	...
Global Tech	56.28	59.65	+ 0.06	...
Income Growth	40.31	43.22	+ 0.24	...
Japan Growth	23.89	25.32	+ 0.06	...
Overseas Growth	37.99	40.26	+ 0.47	...
Smaller Cos	20.19	21.40	+ 0.47	...
Special Opps	26.59	28.18	- 0.06	...
Sterling Liquidity	36.12	37.65	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	47.38	50.22	+ 0.61	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	98.66	105.50†	- 0.20	1.87
Capital	171.80	183.70	+ 0.10	1.65
Dollar	333.90	357.10	- 1.10	0.01
European	228.90	244.80	+ 1.60	0.44
Far East	326.30	348.90	+ 3.40	0.23
Financial	836.40	894.50	+ 6.70	1.35
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.79	29.91	+ 0.10	6.89
High Yield	112.10	119.80†	+ 0.60	4.10
Income & Growth	151.40	161.90†	+ 1.10	3.00
International	236.20	252.60	+ 0.30	0.07
Japanese General	175.50	187.70	+ 3.70	...
Japan Tech	62.89	67.26	+ 1.20	...
Nat Resources	68.90	73.68	+ 2.07	0.49
Portfolio	72.82	77.88	+ 0.42	1.78
Security	327.70	350.40	+ 0.90	1.83
Smaller Cos	119.90	128.20	+ 0.20	1.37
Special Sits	149.80	160.20	- 1.00	1.38
UK Emerging Cos	78.71	84.18	- 0.09	0.32
US Smaller Cos	76.52	81.63	- 0.39	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 181 890				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890				
Index Funds				
American Index	202.30	215.40	...	1.19
Eurotrack 100	153.30	162.60	+ 1.30	0.96
Footsie Fund	121.50	128.30†	+ 0.70	2.51
Japan Index	74.04	78.93	+ 1.82	0.14
Tiger Index	208.90	222.90	- 3.50	0.44
Trixie Index	111.10	118.60	+ 0.30	1.85
UK Index	140.00	149.40	+ 0.90	2.60
Active Funds				
American Growth	469.60	501.20	+ 1.70	0.16
Capital	594.40	634.40	+ 4.40	2.11
European Growth	100.60	106.80	+ 1.00	0.30
Far East Growth	104.30	111.30	+ 1.83	...
Global Bond	24.77	26.11	+ 0.09	5.43
Hong Kong Gwth	122.60	130.80	- 4.70	0.51
Income	577.30	616.10	+ 5.50	3.62
Intl Growth	77.06	82.16	+ 0.79	0.10
Japan Growth	251.40	268.30	+ 4.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.08	34.16	+ 0.42	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.73	84.02	- 0.93	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	61.00	65.24	+ 0.28	2.56
(Accum Units)	62.72	67.08	+ 0.26	2.56
British Tst	85.43	91.37	+ 0.10	1.85
(Accum Units)	96.70	103.40	+ 0.10	1.85
European Growth	203.10	217.10†	+ 2.00	0.43
(Accum Units)	256.70	274.40†	+ 2.50	0.43
Extra High Inc	76.39	81.70	+ 0.28	5.51
(Accum Units)	138.20	147.80	+ 0.50	5.51
FT-SE 100 Index	54.70	58.50	+ 0.29	2.31
(Accum Units)	55.52	59.37	+ 0.29	2.31
Gilt & Fxd Inc	60.46	62.94†	+ 0.26	6.13
(Accum Units)	165.70	172.50†	+ 0.80	6.13
High Yield	240.70	257.40†	+ 1.00	4.51
(Accum Units)	577.70	617.80†	+ 2.40	4.51
Income	308.60	330.00	+ 2.20	2.60
(Accum Units)	652.30	697.60	+ 4.60	2.60
Japan Growth	317.20	339.30	+ 6.80	...
(Accum Units)	334.80	358.00	+ 7.10	...
Mandarin Tst	130.40	139.50	+ 1.40	0.43
(Accum Units)	136.40	145.80	+ 1.50	0.43
Money Market UT	49.36	49.36	...	4.63
(Accum Units)	74.17	74.17	...	4.63
North American	176.50	190.90†	+ 0.70	0.43
(Accum Units)	225.70	241.30†	+ 0.90	0.43
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	100.40	106.80	+ 0.70	1.84
European Growth	96.63	102.80	+ 0.90	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.84	94.27	+ 0.39	5.89
Income	86.95	92.50	+ 0.60	2.85
Japan Growth	47.44	50.47	+ 1.02	...
Managed	67.54	71.85	+ 0.27	2.45
Money Market	82.23	87.16	...	4.61
North American	86.83	92.16	- 0.45	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	91.21	97.03	+ 0.62	1.82
European Growth	90.96	96.77	+ 0.88	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.68	89.85	+ 0.37	5.85
Income	85.46	90.91	+ 0.59	2.82
Japan Growth	47.39	50.41	+ 1.02	...
Managed	64.62	68.74	+ 0.25	2.42
Money Market	76.02	80.58	+ 0.01	4.56
North American	78.96	84.00	- 0.40	0.58
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	91.57	97.41	+ 0.62	1.80
European Growth	88.81	94.48	+ 0.87	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.66	83.47	+ 0.35	5.91
Income	85.04	90.47	+ 0.59	2.82
Japan Growth	48.49	51.59	+ 1.04	...
Managed	67.94	72.28	+ 0.27	2.40
Money Market	71.55	75.84	...	4.53
North American	87.53	93.12	- 0.45	0.45
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	69.87	74.23†	+ 0.69	0.57
Smaller Cos	27.72	29.63	+ 0.03	1.69
Special Features	31.17	33.11	+ 0.19	1.51
(Accum Units)	37.16	39.48	+ 0.24	1.51
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	78.35	83.24	+ 0.53	1.89
Accum Units	93.51	99.35	+ 0.65	1.89
General Equities	75.54	80.26	+ 0.56	2.65
Great British Cos	52.28	55.90	+ 0.43	1.93
Managed Invest	97.16	103.70	+ 0.70	1.02
PEP Managed	70.66	75.43†	+ 0.57	2.07
Export Cmnd Tst	84.18	89.70	+ 0.64	1.85
UK Growth	60.35	64.53†	+ 0.30	1.76
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.59	50.59	...	3.98
Cashbox (Acc)	57.04	57.04	...	3.98
Extra Income	91.47	97.63	+ 0.64	4.45
Gilt	30.94	32.58	+ 0.13	5.66
Income & Growth	43.07	45.90	+ 0.45	3.29
Minster Gilt & FI	81.94	83.77	+ 0.24	7.18
Preference Shares	19.09	20.28†	+ 0.05	6.28
UK Income	352.90	376.80	+ 2.90	2.95
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	68.97	73.28†	+ 0.48	0.79
Property Shares	80.39	86.28	+ 0.52	1.35
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	51.21	54.41	- 0.02	0.84
US Smaller Cos	116.20	123.40	- 0.70	...
(Accum Units)	117.40	124.70	- 0.80	...
Europe Perf	135.60	143.60	+ 1.30	...
(Accum Units)	140.20	148.50	+ 1.40	...
Euro Smaller Cos	25.37	26.91	- 0.17	...
French Growth	77.18	81.81	+ 1.05	0.01
Accum Units	82.46	87.40	+ 1.13	0.01
H Kong & China	102.80	109.20	+ 2.10	0.42
Intl Growth	95.57	99.04†	+ 0.51	0.26
Accum Units	95.45	99.34†	+ 0.51	0.26
Japan Perf	30.35	32.22	+ 0.69	...
Accum Units	30.35	32.22	+ 0.69	...
Japan Smaller Cos	36.54	38.79	+ 0.43	...
Singapore ASEAN	118.00	125.30	+ 0.40	...
Accum Units	118.80	126.20	+ 0.40	...
SE Asia	330.80	351.40	+ 5.50	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	92.48	98.68†	+ 0.79	2.05
Intl Bond	60.25	61.06	+ 0.11	5.24
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	171.30	182.20	- 1.50	...
Income	143.27	152.42	+ 2.65	4.17
Res & General	151.00	160.60	+ 1.50	...
UK Growth	51.74	55.04	+ 0.72	1.75
International	79.55	84.63	+ 0.88	0.97
Ecology	81.49	86.69	+ 0.88	0.60

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	105.36	111.83	+ 0.57	...
Far Eastern	362.40	385.60	+ 8.00	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6608				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	58.71	62.46†	+ 0.21	6.24
(Accum Units)	81.77	86.99	+ 0.31	6.24
Gilt Yield	127.90	134.50†	+ 0.50	6.59
(Accum Units)	372.40	393.00	+ 1.10	6.59
Global Income	231.60	246.40†	+ 1.00	3.50
(Accum Units)	511.30	543.90	+ 2.10	3.50
High Yield	151.70	161.40	- 0.62	5.31
(Accum Units)	452.40	480.00	- 1.90	5.31
Smllr Cos Div	54.44	57.91†	- 0.09	3.41
(Accum Units)	68.04	72.38	- 0.10	3.41
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	95.88	102.00	- 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	99.17	105.50	- 0.40	...
North American	77.91	82.88	- 0.42	0.41
(Accum Units)	95.41	101.50	- 0.50	0.41
European Special	85.82	91.30	+ 0.54	1.37
(Accum Units)	90.04	95.79	+ 0.58	1.37
European	146.40	155.70	+ 1.30	1.44
(Accum Units)	191.60	203.80	+ 1.90	1.44
General	288.50	306.90	- 1.60	2.91
(Accum Units)	473.90	504.10	+ 2.60	2.91
Japan	389.40	414.30	+ 6.30	...
(Accum Units)	393.80	418.90	+ 6.30	...
Japanese Special	222.00	236.20	- 0.70	...
(Accum Units)	223.10	237.30	- 0.80	...
Master Accum	241.30	256.70	+ 1.10	0.84
Pacific	335.80	357.20	+ 4.00	0.41
(Accum Units)	393.80	419.00	+ 4.70	0.41
Smaller Cos	106.20	113.00†	- 0.42	1.00
(Accum Units)	144.00	153.20	- 0.50	1.00
UK Equity Growth	40.42	43.00	+ 0.11	1.63
(Accum Units)	75.24	80.04	+ 0.21	1.63
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
High Income (Inc)	56.71	60.32	+ 0.71	4.90
Global Growth PEP	59.69	63.50	+ 0.80	...
Inv Trust PEP	48.82	51.93	+ 0.25	...
Higher Risk Invest	53.45	56.86	+ 0.20	..
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	86.61	92.14	+ 0.48	0.87
Extra Income	26.74	28.45	+ 0.38	3.43
Far East	31.35	33.35	+ 0.40	0.26
Income & Gwth	79.62	84.70	+ 1.03	2.57
Intl Growth	58.00	61.70	+ 0.53	0.54
Japan	61.76	65.70	+ 0.52	...
Minimum Dist	100.60	102.60†	...	8.97
Nth Amer Equity	41.03	43.65†	- 0.15	0.19
UK Equity	94.85	100.90†	+ 1.67	2.29
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	630.70	643.60	...	5.04
Intl & General	412.90	421.30	...	0.61
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	58.53	62.27	+ 0.29	4.01
Smaller Cos	49.91	52.82	+ 0.05	0.95
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	249.60	265.50†	+ 1.50	1.84
High Income	116.00	123.40	+ 1.00	3.66
International	90.06	95.81	+ 0.97	0.22
Recovery Trust	61.75	65.69†	+ 0.29	1.40
European Trust	76.57	81.46	+ 0.56	1.11
Japanese Trust	40.98	43.60	+ 0.86	...
American Trust	77.96	82.94	+ 0.67	...
Managed	65.17	69.33	+ 0.45	0.54
Cash	51.32	51.32	...	4.17
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	356.30	381.50	+ 5.90	2.71
UK Inc/Gth	393.10	398.80	+ 6.60	3.14
UK Income	281.20	285.40†	+ 5.30	3.52
UK Sm Cos	230.60	239.40	+ 0.20	1.68
Euro Gwth	114.10	115.00	+ 1.70	0.33
N Amer Gwth	79.81	80.65	+ 0.78	0.11
Jap & Pac Gth	78.58	79.70	+ 0.88	...
Money Mkt	116.57	116.57	...	2.430
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	477.10	507.50	+ 2.80	2.29
Equity Income	104.90	111.60	- 0.90	3.30
UK Tactical Allocta	58.33	61.94†	+ 0.36	3.81
European	110.70	117.80	+ 1.00	0.92
Far Eastern	226.30	240.70	+ 2.90	...
Fixed Interest	57.60	61.17†	+ 0.20	6.33
Gilt	100.90	106.30	+ 0.70	6.02
Global Growth	76.46	81.34†	+ 0.84	0.15
Intl Bond	57.94	61.55	+ 0.03	4.57
Japanese	66.65	70.80†	+ 1.13	...
North American	151.20	160.90	- 0.30	0.20
Pacific Growth	126.10	134.20	+ 1.40	0.34
UK Index	63.08	66.57	+ 0.36	2.75
UK Recovery	89.28	94.98†	+ 0.62	1.74
UK Smaller Cos	115.90	122.90	+ 0.40	1.13
US Index	59.88	63.20†	- 0.04	1.74
European Index	70.74	74.66	+ 0.56	1.42
Japan Index	38.49	40.62	+ 0.89	...
Worldwide	83.72	89.08†	+ 0.58	1.40
LINCOLN NATIONAL FD MGRS LTD 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 5876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	49.18	52.60	- 0.24	3.17
Income	60.99	65.23	+ 0.39	3.60
Far East	54.83	58.63	+ 0.48	...
North American	98.21	105.60	- 0.30	...
Global	99.30	106.20	+ 0.40	0.64
European	83.37	89.08	+ 0.37	0.88
Japan	102.60	109.70	+ 1.40	...
Intl Currency Bd	60.75	64.42	+ 0.21	5.91
SE Asia	124.80	133.50	+ 2.70	0.70
UK Capital Growth	90.94	97.52	+ 1.32	1.91
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 65, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	343.80	365.80†	...	2.57
-do- Acc	763.10	811.90†	...	2.57
Contl Euro Gth	59.25	62.37†	+ 0.45	0.94
-do- Accl	63.11	66.44	+ 0.48	0.94
Extra Inc	260.40	277.10†	- 0.70	3.66
-do- Acc	652.70	694.40	- 2.20	3.66
German Gth	123.60	130.20	+ 1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	129.60	136.50	+ 1.40	0.01
Growth Port	539.10	573.60	+14.00	0.02
-do- Acc	543.70	578.50	+14.10	0.02
Income	497.80	529.60	+13.40	3.37
-do- Acc	1299.0	1382.0	+34.00	3.37
Income Port	537.10	560.80	+ 4.60	3.74
-do- Acc	540.80	575.40	+ 4.80	3.74
Japan Growth	94.47	100.50	+ 1.93	0.01
-do- Acc	94.84	100.90	+ 1.99	0.01
Master Trust	58.50	62.24	+ 0.55	1.14
-do- Acc	64.40	68.52	+ 0.60	1.14
N American Gen	191.50	210.20	- 0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	228.10	242.70	- 1.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	149.70	159.30	+ 2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	152.70	162.50	+ 2.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	293.40	312.20	+ 3.30	0.43
-do- Acc	310.10	329.90	+ 3.50	0.43
Small Cos Rec	337.00	344.30†	- 0.20	2.24
-do- Acc	429.60	452.30	- 0.20	2.24
UK Growth	85.73	91.21	+ 1.07	2.05
-do- Acc	101.10	107.60	+ 1.30	2.05
Worldwide Gth	320.70	341.20	+ 2.00	0.23
-do- Acc	473.00	503.20	+ 3.00	0.23
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	64.86	69.59†	+ 0.15	0.30
General	87.29	93.66†	+ 1.24	2.50
Income	69.16	74.21	+ 0.95	4.80
International	63.09	67.69	+ 0.77	0.70
Japan	49.84	53.48	+ 1.04	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.50	72.42	+ 0.84	1.70
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	409.00	432.50	- 0.20	0.66
Amer Recovery	451.30	477.30†	+ 0.30	0.30
Amer Smllr Cos	128.40	135.80	- 0.20	...
Australasian	157.00	166.00	+ 0.80	1.23
Capital	768.10	812.30	+ 9.50	2.17
Charifund	732.00	739.40†	+13.60	4.94
Commodity	343.30	363.00	+ 4.30	0.52
Compound Grth	909.50	961.80†	+13.50	2.42
Dividend	40.70	43.00†	+ 0.80	3.83
Equity Income	330.30	349.30	+ 3.30	4.38
Euro & General	465.00	491.70	+ 4.00	0.61
Euro Dividend	68.20	72.10	+ 0.40	3.55
Extra Yield	436.10	461.20	+ 9.10	4.10
Far Eastern	382.10	404.10	+ 4.80	0.30
Fund of Inv Tsts	608.80	643.80†	+ 7.70	1.73
General	62.50	66.10	+ 1.30	3.56
Gilt Income	69.39	69.50†	+ 0.50	6.56
Gold	68.90	72.90	- 2.50	0.42
High Income	29.30	31.00	+ 0.50	4.30
Intl Growth	77.00	81.40	+ 0.70	0.74
International Inc	103.50	109.40	+ 0.60	4.21
Japan & Gen	43.10	45.60†	+ 0.80	...
Japan Smlr Cos	143.10	151.30†	+ 1.00	...
Managed Income	28.30	29.80†	+ 0.30	3.78
Midland	59.30	62.70	+ 0.40	2.01
Pension Ex	944.00	967.70	+13.40	3.82
Recovery	40.50	42.80	+ 0.60	2.37
Second General	70.40	74.40	+ 0.50	3.29
Smaller Cos	65.30	69.10	- 0.10	2.87
Treasury	25.02	25.05†	...	5.01
Trustee	42.50	44.90	+ 0.40	4.09
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	75.08	79.87	- 0.44	0.46
High Income	304.80	324.20	+ 3.90	4.21
Intl Bond	69.96	73.54†	- 0.03	4.30
Intl Equity Growth	67.07	71.35†	- 0.48	0.56
N Amer Growth	97.01	103.20	- 0.35	0.72
Special Sits Growth	20.99	22.32	+ 0.21	3.16
UK Growth	375.90	399.80	+ 6.20	2.59
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	1283.2	1298.9†	...	2.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	137.40	141.50†	...	4.10
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	192.60	206.00	+ 2.40	2.17
Gilt & Fxd Int	192.90	203.00	+ 1.20	6.35
Intl Growth	204.30	218.90	+ 1.00	0.14
North American	179.40	191.90	- 0.30	0.24
Far East	267.20	285.60	+ 4.30	0.28
UK Smaller Cos	152.50	163.10	+ 0.60	1.74
European	76.06	81.38	+ 0.75	0.17
Japanese Growth	40.89	43.50	+ 0.58	...
Managed Pfolio	68.32	73.08	+ 0.65	1.37
High Income	196.60	210.30	+ 3.50	3.89
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 400, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	152.50	163.10	+ 0.62	1.80
-do- Accum	170.90	182.70	+ 0.62	1.90
UK Sel Pfolio	128.60	137.50†	+ 0.66	2.11
-do- Accum	146.60	156.80†	+ 0.66	2.11
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	70.36	74.85	- 0.26	3.24
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	76.20	80.89†	+ 0.88	3.98
European	79.87	84.79	+ 0.32	0.65
Income & Growth	79.68	84.59†	+ 0.71	2.96
Nth American	61.26	65.03	- 0.27	0.07
Far East	162.60	172.60	+ 0.80	...
Charities	120.70	128.10†	+ 1.10	3.80
Japan	51.08	54.23	+ 0.21	...
Emging Mkts	117.00	125.10	+ 0.60	0.14
Intl Growth	107.30	113.90	+ 0.60	0.16
UK Growth	82.96	87.96†	+ 0.49	1.79
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	203.30	216.00†	- 0.40	...
American Opps	88.40	94.29†	- 0.41	..
British Blue Chip	90.33	95.47	+ 1.19	2.95
Cash	100.60	100.60	...	5.16
Emerging Mkts	124.10	133.40	+ 1.20	...
European Growth	331.60	345.50	+ 2.50	0.65
European Income	83.80	88.73	+ 0.68	2.73
General	515.00	549.30	+ 6.40	2.20
Govt Securities	102.00	105.20†	- 0.70	6.76
Gold & General	182.20	195.90	+ 7.40	0.48
Global Bond	134.90	141.60	- 0.20	5.62
Income	158.90	169.10†	+ 2.80	4.00
International	431.40	459.70†	+ 3.60	0.61
Japan	175.10	185.70	+ 1.10	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Long-Dtd Stlg Bd	111.40	117.30	+ 1.20	6.82
New Europe	166.00	177.10	+ 1.80	1.47
Pacific	139.30	148.60	+ 2.30	0.56
Portfolio	81.97	87.19	+ 1.06	2.60
Recovery	310.80	331.50†	+ 3.30	2.71
UK Smaller Cos	36.20	39.95	+ 0.02	1.82
Institutional Funds				
UK Equity	564.30	578.80	+ 6.10	2.87
Amer Sm Cos Eqty	88.70	91.04	+ 0.24	...
The World Trader Funds				
Euro Eqty Bear (E)	8.3048	8.6690	-0.031	6.70
Euro Eqty Bll (E)	11.172	11.632	+0.076	6.70
Jap Eqty Bear (E)	11.011	11.460	-0.141	2.00
Jap Eqty Bull (E)	8.0289	8.3586	-0.204	2.00
UK Eqty Bear (E)	8.8899	9.2519	+0.030	4.80
UK Eqty Bull (E)	10.879	11.321	-0.030	4.80
UK Gilt Bear (E)	8.6860	9.0380	-0.013	4.80
UK Gilt Bull (E)	10.829	11.267	+0.015	4.80
US Equity Bear (E)	9.3331	9.7113	+0.024	1.90
US Equity Bull (E)	9.9648	10.368	+0.020	1.90
US Trsry Bear (E)	9.2252	9.5983	-0.018	1.90
US Trsry Bull (E)	10.056	10.463	+0.032	1.90
US Crncy Bear (E)	10.213	10.213	-0.008	4.80
US Crncy Bull (E)	9.6883	10.080	+0.012	4.80
Mercury Ster (E)	9.7541	10.144	+0.001	5.10
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	109.12	116.08	+ 1.05	.88
Intl Strategy	62.48	66.47†	+ 0.51	0.69
UK Income Inc	80.27	85.39	+ 1.56	5.70
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.60	13.40	+ 0.40	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gwth	305.00	324.50	- 1.40	...
European Gth Inc	346.10	369.20†	+ 1.40	...
Intl Gwth	188.10	201.00†	+ 1.90	...
UK Equity Inc	171.70	184.50	+ 2.00	3.66
UK Ind Trckr Inc	160.90	172.10	+ 2.30	2.80
US Bn Ind Trk Inc	199.50	211.40	- 0.60	1.36
Japan Tracker	70.72	74.91†	+ 1.50	...
Asian Trader	232.00	252.10†	+ 3.90	0.35
Managed Inc	143.50	154.70	+ 1.10	1.66
Deposit Inc	99.93	99.93†	+ 0.01	5.78
Europa	152.60	163.70	+ 0.30	...
Genesis	142.70	155.50†	+ 0.50	...
High Income	24.25	25.78	+ 0.03	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	95.80	97.92	+ 1.17	2.12
Acumen Inc	92.21	94.26	+ 1.13	2.12
Acumen Reserve	89.40	90.30	+ 0.64	6.56
-do- Inc	82.59	83.43	+ 0.59	6.56
American Income	174.50	179.30	+ 0.50	1.52
Cash Income	49.73	50.24	+ 0.01	4.63
Equity Income	101.90	104.70†	+ 1.30	4.35
European	69.99	71.15	+ 0.36	1.06
Smaller Cos	72.66	75.87†	+ 0.07	1.13
Olympiad	65.96	67.92	- 0.97	0.10
Global Bond	49.87	50.41†	+ 0.17	6.06
UK Growth	91.22	93.89	+ 1.06	1.66
Pacific Growth	118.80	123.10	+ 2.10	...
Japan Growth	89.81	91.50	+ 1.60	...
NPI MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	122.08	129.87	+ 0.22	2.77
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.90	112.60	+ 0.60	1.80
Open Cap Gth Inc	108.00	114.80	+ 0.40	2.00
NM Unit Trusts				
American	45.04	48.04†	+ 0.08	1.14
Australian	326.50	350.30	+ 2.10	...
Conscience	66.84	71.33†	- 0.02	1.28
European	193.80	206.10	+ 1.10	0.76
Extra Income	79.91	85.28†	+ 0.70	5.20
Gilt & FI	63.53	67.04	+ 0.42	5.69
Gold	55.94	60.15	+ 2.18	...
Income	57.53	61.36†	+ 0.54	4.60
Intnl	32.52	34.78†	+ 0.40	0.61
Jap Smaller Cos	307.90	328.40	- 0.30	...
Sing & Malaysian	260.70	279.50	+ 1.70	...
Smaller Cos	28.04	30.15	+ 0.02	0.70
Special Sits	36.00	38.70	+ 0.33	1.81
Sterling Deposit	100.70	100.70	...	4.75
Tokyo	76.70	81.81	+ 1.67	...
UK Equity	177.30	189.10	+ 1.50	2.21
US Smaller Cos	109.30	116.80	- 0.20	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	74.93	79.72	+ 0.58	2.27
UK Income	112.63	119.80†	- 0.80	3.39
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.19	85.92	- 0.38	5.73
Higher Income	222.40	237.70	+ 1.10	4.34
Smaller Cos	75.91	80.76	+ 0.10	1.54
International	98.98	105.30†	+ 1.02	1.75
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	108.90	116.50†	- 0.20	...
European Dist	99.26	106.16†	- 0.84	...
Far East Dist	171.70	183.60	+ 2.40	...
Global Curr Dist	68.53	73.29†	+ 0.20	1.97
Overs Dist	980.80	1049.0	+ 6.50	0.30
UK Dist	347.50	371.70†	+ 2.30	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	76.25	81.55	+ 0.66	3.78
Wwide Dist	99.68	106.60	+ 0.95	...
Wwide Inc Dist	67.59	72.28	+ 0.25	2.13
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	57.73	60.93	+ 0.48	0.51
Fund of Funds Inc	56.91	60.06	+ 0.50	0.65
North America Inc	50.18	52.96	- 0.01	0.53
UK Equity Grth Inc	57.59	60.78†	+ 0.38	1.84
UK General Inc	57.37	60.55	+ 0.44	2.05
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	53.02	55.84	+ 0.33	6.12
UK Income Inc	58.85	62.09†	+ 0.42	2.61
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	228.91	243.53	+ 1.60	3.50
Global	333.16	354.43	+ 1.55	2.86
General	186.72	198.64	+ 0.82	1.50
Bond	132.69	140.91†	+ 0.17	7.30
Growth	121.68	129.45	+ 0.82	1.72
Intrepid	108.33	112.85	...	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	121.50	129.26	+ 1.11	1.28
UK Equity	141.32	150.34	+ 0.85	2.89
UK Equity Income	135.23	143.86	+ 1.10	3.47
UK Smaller Cos	116.51	123.95	+ 0.39	2.38
UK Equity Growth	129.74	138.02	+ 0.76	2.17
UK Index Trckg	141.39	150.41	+ 1.54	3.18
Intl Index Trckg	139.68	148.60	+ 1.46	1.10
International	228.84	243.45†	+ 2.24	0.69
European	173.82	184.92	+ 1.25	0.43
Pan European	125.86	133.89†	+ 1.07	1.61
Nth American	162.40	172.77†	- 0.22	0.65
N Amer Smlr Cos	176.43	187.69	- 0.36	...
Japanese	85.49	90.95†	+ 1.37	...
Pacific	238.84	254.09†	+ 4.41	0.11
South East Asian	270.10	287.34	+ 5.16	0.24
Intl Bond	139.30	148.19	+ 0.49	4.85
Gilt & Convertible	118.23	125.78	+ 0.32	7.50
Property	77.50	82.45†	+ 0.13	6.58
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	242.50	258.00†	- 2.70	2.18
Growth	153.20	161.30	+ 1.20	2.37
Income	248.00	263.80	+ 3.20	3.14
Intl Equity	242.90	258.30	+ 2.10	0.71
UK Income	68.69	73.07	+ 0.94	2.61
UK Intl 25	78.14	83.12	+ 0.85	1.73
New Europe	70.65	75.16	+ 0.64	0.32
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	570.04	609.87	+ 7.79	0.34
Income	341.77	365.53	+ 3.46	3.01
Wwide Recovery	352.90	377.44	+ 4.39	0.41
Amer Growth Inc	224.61	240.23	- 0.11	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	239.56	256.22	+ 2.84	0.05
Far Estn Grth Inc	272.28	291.21†	+ 3.67	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	134.12	143.45†	+ 1.15	0.78
UK Growth Inc	86.34	92.35	+ 0.57	2.64
High Income	95.77	102.43	+ 0.67	4.14
Jap Gwth Inc	191.95	210.53	+ 3.05	0.01
PEP Growth	115.16	123.17	+ 1.00	1.23
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	139.41	149.11	+ 2.27	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	136.01	145.47†	- 0.19	0.01
Global Bond	63.89	67.27	+ 0.27	5.62
UK Smaller Cos Inc	73.56	78.68	...	1.45
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 30 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	104.04	110.68†	+ 0.36	...
European	63.96	68.04	+ 0.45	0.28
Global	64.00	68.08†	+ 0.21	...
Pacific	63.40	67.45	+ 0.19	0.06
UK Inc & Grth	63.39	67.44	+ 0.21	2.02
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Dlgs	94.66	100.81	- 0.10	...
PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	150.82	153.90	...	0.69
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	56.42	59.80	+ 0.17	2.62
Growth Income	56.10	59.46	+ 0.44	1.84
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	133.50	142.12	- 0.38	1.84
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	99.73	106.10	- 0.40	2.71
Conv & Gilt	118.70	126.30†	+ 0.60	5.51
European Income	75.55	80.38	+ 0.63	2.38
Extra Income	156.00	165.90	+ 1.80	3.61
Far East	387.50	412.20	+ 6.50	0.22
Global Income	37.43	39.60	+ 0.15	4.16
High Income	117.10	124.60	- 0.20	3.30
International	206.60	219.80	+ 2.30	0.37
Pref & Fxd Int	45.95	48.98	- 0.17	6.87
Recovery	74.54	79.30	- 0.50	1.82
Special Sits	104.20	110.80†	- 0.70	1.53
Technology	328.00	348.90†	- 1.10	...
UK Blue Chip	69.11	73.52	+ 0.71	2.61
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	53.30	56.70†	- 0.31	2.68
International	91.55	97.39	+ 1.07	0.70
Gilt	27.56	28.41†	+ 0.09	6.62
Income & Gwth	76.32	81.19†	+ 0.52	3.70
European	48.52	51.62	+ 0.63	1.24
American	54.93	58.44	- 0.41	0.05
Emerging Mkts	97.61	103.84	+ 0.65	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	29.58	31.47	- 0.07	1.71
Gilt/Fixed Interest	28.17	29.97†	+ 0.12	5.33
Global PEP	39.67	42.20	+ 1.48	1.48
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	224.00	239.70	+ 1.70	0.77
Japan Inc	95.71	102.30	+ 2.40	...
Nth American Inc	113.30	121.70	+ 0.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	155.70	167.20	+ 2.10	0.72
Hong Kong Inc	169.00	182.40	+ 4.10	0.88
Swiss Equities Inc	64.74	69.23	+ 0.47	0.34
Wwide Bond Inc	66.33	70.45	+ 0.16	6.56
Emrging Asia Inc	206.00	223.60†	+ 3.00	0.38
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.20	51.22†	+ 0.01	5.30
Thailand Inc	145.20	157.10†	+ 4.10	0.85
Gold Trust Inc	84.83	91.45	+ 4.53	0.18
New Zealand Inc	86.44	92.41	+ 2.10	0.48
Inv Mngd PEP Inc	82.46	88.56	+ 0.66	3.90
Latin Am Cmp Inc	80.32	85.95	+ 0.23	0.10
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	59.19	63.67	+ 0.21	2.01

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Le Fond Francais	69.38	74.45	+ 0.53	0.38
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.03	80.25	+ 0.19	1.59
Global Portfolio	68.36	73.00	+ 0.18	...
Global Opps	67.74	72.45	...	0.44
Marsh Global Grth	68.85	73.01	+ 0.85	1.88
AAM Global Equity	59.21	62.99	+ 0.88	0.74
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	86.49	93.76	+ 1.08	0.96
CAM Brit Inc Inc	46.33	50.13	+ 0.29	2.01
CAM Int Recvy Inc	47.15	51.08	+ 0.86	1.02
Temple Equity Inc	46.43	50.74	+ 0.50	3.16
Hartley Growth	74.65	79.42	+ 0.61	1.31
Intl Growth Inc	77.09	82.45	...	1.56
IPS Portfolio Inc	83.05	88.82	+ 0.17	0.24
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	50.97	53.27†	+ 0.17	...
Premier Perfms Inc	69.97	74.83	+ 0.57	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	72.94	78.01	+ 0.35	0.77
Tech Analysis	106.70	113.50	+ 1.10	0.79
Rosebery Growth	47.99	50.65	+ 0.48	...
International Stra	74.96	79.88	+ 0.65	...
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	54.44	58.36	+ 0.34	...
Coverdale Topout	51.85	55.70	+ 0.33	...
Prem Equity Inc	97.32	103.90	+ 0.20	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.35†	49.84	+ 0.13	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	159.30	169.50	+ 1.00	1.60
European Gth	90.75	96.01	+ 0.60	0.58
Income & Gth	135.10	143.70	+ 1.80	2.70
Japan Gth	110.80	117.20	+ 1.10	...
Nth Amer Gth	112.30	119.50	- 0.30	...
Overseas Gth	83.85	89.18	+ 0.50	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4594 Pricefonk: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	35.36	37.71	+ 0.25	1.45
Cash Haven Inc	101.16	101.66†	+ 0.01	4.35
Cash Haven Acc	107.30	107.83†	+ 0.01	4.35
Global Growth	88.47	94.62	+ 0.72	1.01
Equity Inc	85.98	91.93†	- 1.03	3.69
Equity	725.49	775.92	+ 3.74	2.33
European	200.65	214.59†	+ 1.57	0.82
High Income	94.17	100.71†	+ 0.61	3.71
Intl Gth	178.07	190.44	+ 1.80	1.06
Intl Sm Co	75.30	80.53	+ 0.62	0.64
Japanese	180.91	193.48	+ 3.75	...
Nth Amer	159.20	170.26†	+ 0.41	0.73
Pacific Mkts	106.68	114.09	- 0.01	0.82
Premier Inc	53.21	55.39	+ 0.28	5.26
Sm Cos	85.95	91.92†	+ 0.11	2.05
Spec Sits	110.13	117.78	+ 0.73	2.20
UK Growth	121.88	130.35	+ 0.47	2.10
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	314.00	333.10	+ 3.30	2.85
Reliance Inc	170.40	181.10	+ 0.10	1.88
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	96.14	102.00	...	1.94
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	519.77	553.73	- 1.01	0.83
FA America (Acc)	605.68	645.26	- 1.18	0.83
FA UK Equity Inc	171.91	183.73†	+ 2.90	3.10
FA Japan	245.53	261.44	+ 2.52	...
FA Major UK Cos	101.99	108.83†	+ 1.32	2.05
FA Smllr UK Cos	279.86	303.98	+ 1.04	1.12
FA European	292.27	309.27	+ 3.35	0.66
FA Amer Smllr Cos	46.10	49.11	+ 0.02	...
FA Asia	56.50	60.70	+ 0.84	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	45.71	48.66	- 0.61	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	99.91	105.16	+ 1.25	...
UK Smllr Cos	79.08	83.23	+ 0.28	...
UK Income	98.66	103.84	+ 1.58	...
America	103.66	109.11	- 0.20	...
Japanese	53.74	56.56	+ 0.54	...
European	92.56	97.42	+ 1.05	...
Gilt	90.64	95.40	+ 0.58	...
Deposit	78.74	82.88	+ 0.01	...
Managed	100.81	106.11	+ 1.26	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	97.55	102.68	+ 1.24	...
UK Smaller Cos	77.47	81.54	+ 0.28	...
UK Income	96.53	101.60	+ 1.57	...
America	101.20	106.52	- 0.19	...
Japanese	52.47	55.22	+ 0.53	...
European	90.39	95.14	+ 1.03	...
Gilt	89.51	94.21	+ 0.57	...
Deposit	75.37	79.33	+ 0.01	...
Managed	95.12	100.11	+ 1.28	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	71.54	76.51	- 0.03	0.11
Pacific Basin	78.80	84.52	+ 0.82	...
High Inc Dist	132.10	141.20	+ 1.80	4.30
Ryl Life Intl Cmry	63.09	67.10	+ 0.33	3.35
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	64.86	69.23	+ 0.44	0.34
Ryl Life Intl Spec	59.02	62.78	+ 0.74	...
UK Emerging Cos	111.90	120.90	- 0.50	1.56
UK Index Trckg	164.70	175.90†	+ 2.00	3.00
European	113.60	122.01†	+ 0.80	0.30
Managed	138.30	148.70	+ 0.60	0.86
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	146.70	155.30	- 0.40	0.37
European Growth	101.10	106.90	+ 0.60	0.92
Far East Growth	138.50	147.40	- 0.30	0.15
Japan Growth	132.60	141.00†	- 3.70	...
Special Sits	188.70	200.70	+ 0.90	1.54
UK Growth	75.93	80.77†	+ 0.79	1.92
Triton General	226.30	240.80	- 0.80	0.49
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	185.40	196.20	+ 4.20	0.10
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	310.90	329.00	+ 2.30	0.11
Growth Inc	119.30	126.20	+ 0.80	0.05
International Inc	311.50	329.60	+ 1.70	0.31
Nth Am & Intl Inc	314.90	333.20	+ 0.20	0.47
PEP Prog Inc	203.60	215.40	+ 0.70	2.11
UK High Inc Inc	140.00	148.10	+ 1.20	3.11
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	65.44	69.62†	- 0.20	1.00
Amer Smllr Cos	80.16	85.28†	- 0.02	...
Asian Gwth	120.39	128.39	+ 2.20	1.25
European Gwth	64.86	69.00†	+ 0.10	1.50
Global Bd	62.25	66.84	+ 0.16	6.00
Global Eq	65.80	69.99†	+ 0.18	0.50
Japanese Eq	54.59	58.07†	+ 0.25	...
Japan Sm Cos	64.38	68.70	- 0.12	...
UK Gen	55.11	58.61	+ 2.06	3.00
UK Gwth	58.39	62.12†	+ 1.94	2.50
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.24	76.85†	- 0.42	3.41
Amer Smlr Cos	106.80	113.60	- 0.80	...
Asian Smaller Cos	62.25	66.22	+ 0.29	...
Capital Portfolio	131.00	139.40	+ 2.80	1.73
Capital	164.00	174.50†	+ 2.80	0.99
Cash	121.10	121.10	...	5.08
China Dragon	72.06	76.66	+ 1.72	0.88
Commodity	128.70	136.90	+ 3.60	0.57
Eastern Discovery	121.80	129.60	+ 0.70	...
Energy Inds	116.60	124.00	- 0.10	0.31
European Gwth	181.00	192.60†	+ 1.70	0.69
Euro Inc & Gwth	76.70	81.60	+ 0.54	1.90
Euro Smlr Cos	47.88	50.94†	+ 0.23	0.55
Financial Secs	204.30	217.30†	+ 4.10	1.08
Gilt & Fxd Inc	54.54	57.59	+ 0.17	7.37
Gold & Exploration	82.17	87.42	+ 3.08	0.29
High Return	236.20	251.30	+ 3.60	3.44
High Yield	229.70	244.40	+ 3.70	3.58
Income	124.90	132.90	+ 1.60	4.14
Intl Bond	177.10	187.20	- 0.50	5.08
ITU	209.10	222.40	+ 3.80	0.82
Japan Growth	148.20	157.70	+ 2.60	...
Japan Smaller	174.10	185.20	- 0.50	...
Korea	75.39	80.20†	- 0.15	...
Masterfund	52.99	56.37†	+ 0.48	0.80
Scotbits	310.40	330.20	+ 6.10	0.86
Scotshares	289.00	307.40†	+ 3.70	1.72
Scotyields	248.50	264.40	+ 3.90	3.57
Select Intl	144.00	153.20	+ 1.50	0.54
Smaller Cos Inc	239.60	254.90	- 0.10	3.77
SE Asia	638.70	679.50	+ 8.00	...
Special Situation	121.60	129.40	+ 1.80	0.59
UK Equity	251.50	267.60	+ 4.10	2.61
UK Growth	64.52	68.64	+ 0.81	1.47
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	44.09	46.90	+ 0.02	1.14
US Growth	147.00	157.00	- 0.90	0.06
Univ Growth	145.80	155.10	+ 2.20	0.35
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3000				
Retail Funds				
American	252.18	268.14†	+ 1.18	0.69
Australian	147.06	156.86	+ 0.44	1.45
European Gwth	70.68	75.25†	+ 0.53	0.76
Euro Smllr Cos	65.62	69.93†	+ 0.57	0.18
Far Eastern Gth	94.51	100.81	+ 0.09	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.40	61.54	+ 0.23	6.83
Global Bond	55.77	57.61	...	4.94
Global Emer Mkts	56.34	60.09	+ 0.74	...
Income	358.08	381.95	+ 2.88	3.62
Japan Smllr Cos	439.14	468.41	+ 3.24	...
Japan Enterprise	63.02	67.22	+ 1.47	...
Pacific Gwth	145.20	154.88	+ 3.94	...
Seoul	51.99	55.45†	- 0.15	...
Smaller Cos	204.60	218.23†	+ 0.32	0.73
Tokyo	106.44	113.53	+ 2.50	...
UK Enterprise	241.11	257.18	+ 2.39	2.21
UK Equity	241.20	257.27	+ 1.71	2.44
US Smllr Cos	149.18	159.12†	+ 1.56	...
World Fd	80.31	85.66	+ 0.44	1.83
Institutional Funds				
European	223.45	237.43	+ 1.91	1.18
Euro Smllr Cos	26.79	28.49†	+ 0.08	1.68
Global Equity Inc	73.86	78.57†	+ 0.34	0.69
Japan Smllr Cos	32.61	34.60	- 0.07	0.07
Mngd Balanced	185.09	196.90†	+ 1.47	2.32
Overseas Equity	180.01	191.49	+ 1.69	0.79
Overs Smllr Cos	115.88	123.27	+ 0.23	0.30
Pacific	268.48	285.61†	+ 4.62	0.71
Recovery	1839.1	1956.5	+13.32	2.45
UK Index	155.05	164.94†	+ 2.14	2.93
UK Small Cos	110.60	117.65	+ 0.07	3.54
US Smllr Cos	42.51	45.22	+ 0.35	0.11
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.72	55.08	+ 0.56	3.02
Equity Trust	59.51	63.38	+ 0.71	3.85
Equity Strategy	66.27	70.58	+ 0.43	1.06
European Opps	81.74	87.05	+ 0.16	0.39
UK Smaller Cos	60.06	63.96	- 0.05	1.13
Maximum Income	95.26	101.81	+ 0.01	4.87
Japanese	66.23	70.53	+ 1.73	..
Asia Pacific	133.77	142.46	+ 2.33	1.40
American	106.80	113.74	+ 0.32	0.26
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	29.72	29.72	...	4.890
UK General Inc	53.26	56.81	+ 0.74	2.42
Intl Income	277.30	295.50	+ 2.90	2.83
European	71.25	75.42†	+ 0.47	1.56
Japan	62.34	66.38†	+ 1.14	0.11
American	67.92	72.21	- 0.10	1.75
Far East	94.12	100.40	+ 0.69	0.31
Ethical Inc	30.09	32.18	+ 0.26	1.93
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.64	35.96	+ 0.50	2.74
High Inc Inc	37.92	40.45†	+ 0.62	3.42
UK Global Inc	39.27	41.93	+ 0.52	1.39
Wwide Tact	74.26	79.42	+ 0.56	0.40
Europe 2000 Tact	48.26	51.16	+ 0.34	1.10
Technology	95.46	101.82	+ 0.52	0.31
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	381.70	407.50	+ 2.60	2.52
American	272.30	289.00	+ 1.30	0.65
Pacific	392.00	419.30	+ 6.50	0.36
European	517.00	553.60	+ 5.20	0.88
Worldwide	92.69	99.13	+ 0.93	0.77
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	275.00	292.60†	+ 5.10	2.58
UK Str Co Eq Inc	189.30	201.40†	+ 0.30	1.51
Select Opprty Inc	66.93	71.59	- 0.40	2.28
Income Plus Inc	73.90	78.62	+ 2.12	3.48
European Inc	335.30	356.80	+ 3.80	1.39

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Far Eastern Inc	179.90	191.40	- 0.80	1.23
Japanese Inc	58.70	62.45	+ 0.59	...
Nth American Inc	249.30	265.30	- 0.90	0.41
Intl Growth Inc	203.70	216.80†	+ 0.80	0.73
Wwide Venture Inc	81.81	87.04	+ 0.41	0.95
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	24.27	25.98	+ 0.24	2.64
Intl Growth Inc	31.01	33.19	+ 0.31	0.70
Market Leaders Inc	23.77	25.44	+ 0.37	2.60
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	376.90	402.00	+ 4.10	2.83
UK High Inc	194.60	207.50	+ 1.90	3.58
Europe Inc	316.10	337.20	+ 1.50	0.94
Nth Amer Inc	212.90	227.00	- 1.70	0.10
Global Inc	202.90	216.40	+ 1.00	1.03
UK Spec Sits Inc	103.30	110.20	+ 0.60	3.06
South East Asia	226.50	241.50	+ 2.30	0.45
Cash Trust Inc	100.20	100.20	...	4.78
UK Smllr Cos Inc	102.00	108.80	+ 0.30	1.85
Intl Bond Inc	100.70	106.90	+ 0.60	5.89
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	158.50	166.50	- 0.20	4.01
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	123.70	130.20	+ 0.90	1.45
Nth American	105.40	110.90	- 0.10	0.95
Intl Bond & Conv	135.30	142.40†	+ 0.30	4.86
Pooled Pension (E)	161.00	193.70	...	...
Smaller Cos	66.93	70.45†	+ 2.23	2.13
UK General	133.00	140.00†	+ 1.90	3.00
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	442.08	470.30	+ 2.98	3.93
Global Inc	69.45	73.88	+ 0.22	2.54
Brit Leaders	345.31	367.35	+ 2.58	2.20
Intl Leaders	214.76	228.47	+ 0.93	0.59
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.19	65.65	+ 0.32	0.97
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European ‡	114.80	...	+ 1.10	...
Global Bond ‡	107.20	...	+ 0.40	6.90
Samurai ‡	82.25	...	+ 1.79	...
UK Growth ‡	109.70	...	+ 0.80	3.63
Tai Pan ‡	100.60	...	+ 1.55	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	298.90	316.20	- 0.80	0.41
Canadian	82.47	87.27	- 0.64	0.45
Capital	134.40	144.20	- 1.30	1.25
Cash	100.95	100.95	+ 0.01	4.90
European	128.30	135.70	- 0.80	0.44
Far Eastern	171.10	181.00	- 1.90	..
Growth	145.60	154.10	- 1.70	1.39
Income	135.90	143.80	+ 2.20	4.10
Magnum	142.30	152.70	- 1.40	1.22
Smllr Secs	357.90	378.70	- 0.50	0.36
Thoroughbred	164.90	176.90	+ 1.60	1.15
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.76	50.26†	...	5.09
Charitd Primnce	60.96	65.02	+ 0.36	7.30
Ethical	57.81	61.50	+ 0.31	3.30
European Growth	69.75	74.39	+ 0.70	2.20
Income	58.60	62.50†	+ 0.42	5.10
Intl Growth	93.46	99.69	+ 0.85	2.50
Managed	80.03	85.37	+ 0.60	3.10
UK Growth	63.39	67.62	+ 0.57	3.60
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	50.30	53.45	+ 0.40	1.28
UK Equity Gth Acc	71.50	75.97	+ 0.70	1.15
-do- High Inc Inc	40.03	42.54	+ 0.60	3.11
-do- High Inc Acc	48.07	51.08	+ 0.70	3.11
UK Equity Gen Acc	62.56	66.47	+ 0.80	1.91
UK Equity Gen Inc	47.15	50.10	+ 0.60	1.91
UK Lrgr Co Acc	425.70	461.90	+ 4.30	3.24
UK Lrgr Co Inc	323.00	350.50	+ 3.30	3.24
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.44	36.43	+ 0.20	5.73
Overs Lrg Co Acc	293.40	318.40	- 2.70	1.29
Nth American Acc	45.31	48.15	+ 0.10	0.55
Far East Acc	64.27	68.29	- 0.60	0.21
European Acc	47.88	50.88	+ 0.30	0.43
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.821	4.058	...	1.16
US Eqts (US$)	2.292	2.434	...	0.66
Far East Eqts (yen)	222.70	236.50	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	227.70	241.90	.	...
FT Europe	126.90	134.70	..	1.54
FT N Amer (US$)	1.773	1.880	...	0.73
FT Japan (yen)	213.00	226.30	...	...
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.498	2.653	...	0.77
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	360.10	383.30†	- 1.80	0.33
British	1027.6	1087.2	+ 4.30	3.33
Emging Mkts	154.20	164.20	+ 2.40	0.30
European	465.30	495.10	+ 2.40	1.08
Japan	143.60	152.30	+ 1.10	...
New Pacific	406.10	432.50	+ 5.30	0.75
Investment Tst	226.00	239.60	+ 3.30	1.04
Mngd Equity	174.80	184.90	+ 2.90	1.35
Mngd Cash	96.07	96.07	...	4.89
Majority Stg	100.29	101.29	+ 0.01	4.50
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	831.70	889.50	+ 6.30	2.40
North America	127.40	136.30	...	0.25
Far East	158.30	169.30	+ 3.40	...
Wwide Bond	63.36	67.26	+ 0.13	5.10
European	97.52	104.30	+ 0.90	0.17
Equity Income	95.28	101.90†	+ 0.70	3.45
Portfolio	86.27	92.27	+ 0.79	0.44
UK Leading Cos	60.03	63.86	+ 0.35	2.69
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	65.64	70.20	- 0.80	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	35.95	38.45	- 0.11	0.49
Managed Assets	132.60	141.82	+ 1.52	2.65
UK Income	40.97	43.82†	+ 0.69	2.83
UK Growth	40.20	43.00	+ 0.57	2.28
Worldwide Growth	34.00	36.37†	+ 0.30	0.57
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	47.49	50.79†	+ 0.21	0.24
Cap Protector Inc	43.02	46.01†	..	2.50
UK Income Inc	54.67	58.47	+ 0.53	2.79
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	33.72	36.05†	+ 0.26	3.47
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.24	89.03†	+ 0.75	3.64
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	77.96	83.01†	..	2.75
Mngd Wwide Gth	36.12	38.63†	+ 0.13	...
UK Smaller Cos	33.30	35.62†	+ 0.10	1.55
Pacific Grth Port	48.92	52.32	+ 0.98	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	555.30	587.60†	+ 4.30	2.04
Fixed Int Dist	128.00	132.60†	- 0.30	6.89
UK Indx Trck Dist	134.30	142.10	+ 0.70	2.70
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	225.08	239.44	+ 0.63	...
Brit Growth	96.76	102.93	+ 1.24	1.72
European	102.13	108.65	+ 0.58	0.30
Extra Income	207.60	220.86	+ 1.29	3.71
Smaller Cos	69.87	74.33	+ 0.09	1.06
General	299.34	318.45	+ 1.88	2.12
Premier Income	56.25	58.60	+ 0.27	5.46
Income	360.94	383.98†	+ 3.33	3.37
Pacific	407.73	433.76	+ 5.89	...
International	545.62	580.44†	+ 5.73	0.11
Nat Resources	161.60	171.91	+ 8.57	...
Stead Opps	109.52	116.51	+ 0.93	1.28
Environmental Inv	61.81	65.75	+ 0.45	1.60
Selector	64.34	68.45†	+ 0.43	2.08
High Income	71.78	76.37	+ 0.38	3.88
Intl Income	63.05	67.08	+ 0.23	4.30
Selector Income	65.62	69.81†	+ 0.38	4.74
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	338.00	355.70	+ 1.70	2.59
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA 031 228 3932				
Glob Growth Inc	194.13	207.62	+ 1.34	1.20
Glob Balncd Inc	166.81	177.34	+ 0.80	2.74
Value Tst Inc	114.89	122.88	+ 0.82	1.36
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smlr Cos	68.40	72.96	- 0.03	...
European Opps	69.68	73.95†	+ 0.56	0.40
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.33	46.59	+ 0.24	8.13
Japan Tst	80.13	85.43	+ 0.46	...
Little Dragons	112.27	119.75	+ 1.78	0.39
Oriental Income	48.63	51.87	+ 0.79	4.77
Tiger	307.52	328.02	+ 5.24	0.49
UK Blue Chip	67.03	71.56	+ 0.26	2.76
UK Smllr Cos	92.24	98.65	...	2.04
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	230.09	244.78	+ 2.16	0.63
European Growth	265.65	282.09	+ 1.84	0.84
Exempt	552.96	577.94	+ 4.43	3.79
Far Eastern	459.17	488.48	+ 6.09	0.89
High Yield	109.82	116.83	- 0.70	3.77
Iberian Growth	45.08	47.96	+ 1.12	0.75
Intl Growth	108.14	115.03	+ 0.96	1.18
Preference	129.91	138.20	+ 0.21	7.88
Recovery	262.36	279.11	+ 1.85	2.40
Smaller Cos Div	96.18	102.32	+ 0.11	4.81
Smaller Cos	249.28	265.19	+ 2.42	1.64
UK Growth	518.22	551.30	+ 5.66	2.42
WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 3 Harbour Exchange Sqr, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5055				
Exempt	365.40	384.60	...	2.05
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	20.83	22.15	- 0.55	0.50
Pacific Basin	39.99	42.54	+ 0.18	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	38.82	41.29	+ 0.04	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.9831	1.024	+0.018	5.31
Penny Share	25.40	27.02	- 0.63	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462				
Challenger	105.60	107.30†	+ 0.80	..
Short Dtd Gilt	115.60	117.10	+ 0.40	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7219	0.7310†	+0.000	...
Gilt Income	56.56	58.85	+ 0.38	6.50
Gilt Growth	77.91	81.07	+ 0.78	...
City Reserve	53.76	53.77	+ 0.01	4.58
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	76.95	81.86	...	1.20

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

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See-saw shares finish lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 29. Dealings end today. §Contango day December 13. Settlement day December 20. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	345	Abbey Ntl	481	+1	11.8	3.1	18.5
290	179	Allied Irish	278	+2	...	3.7	14.2
226½	130	Aus New Z	226½	+6½	...	3.9	∞
3808¾	2712½	Bankamerica	3062½	+50	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	276	+1	...	4.5	20.4
390	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
230½	110½	Bank Scotland	226	-2	4.6	2.6	30.7
646	362	Barclays	630	-12	...	2.5	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	5.9
23½	15½	Carlisle	22	...	...	...	...
598	395	Cater Allen	593	-2	28.0	6.0	...
153	85	Cattles	150	...	...	3.8	20.0
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2225	...	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2412½	-12½	...	...	...
485	250	Close Bros	485	...	...	2.8	17.6
£155	9225	Commerzbk	£154½	-37½	...	2.6	...
£345½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£345½	+42½	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	59	-1	...	1.1	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	452	-2	21.5	5.0	12.0
821	490	HSBC	817	+14	20.0	3.1	19.6
825	474	HSBC HK	825	+14	20.0	3.0	19.7
403	243	Hambros	376	-4	14.3	4.8	17.4
428	313	Joseph (L)	420	...	16.7	5.0	...
158	96	King Shaxson	135	...	9.0	8.6	...
587	312	Kleinwort Ben	547	+5	16.7	3.8	19.0
685	492	Lloyds	641	-13	19.1	3.7	18.3
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	550	+4	...	1.8	∞
680	398	Nat West	615	...	17.8	3.6	37.4
460	270	Provident	450	-1	12.4	3.5	19.5
54	39	Rea Bros	51	...	0.5	1.3	54.2
460	207	Ryl Bk Scot	442	-10	...	3.2	23.2
1335	467½	Schroders	1248	+13	...	1.2	24.9
1259	576	Stand Chart	1229	-8	20.5	2.1	...
249	145½	TSB	230½	-2½	6.4	3.4	...
190	78	Union Disc	187	-1	...	...	...
940	529	Warburg SG	891	+5	...	2.8	13.0
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	8275	-25	...	2.4	...
205	121	Westpac	205	+1	...	2.5	∞
335	188	Wintrust	318	...	9.3	3.7	28.4

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	621	-12	...	4.3	17.0
647	441	Bass	540	-3	...	4.7	14.3
289	189	Boddington	277	...	7.5	3.4	16.1
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	418	...	...	3.0	18.2
184	120	Burtonwd Brw	180	-3	4.7	3.3	15.0
136	75	Eldridge P 'A'	136	+2	...	3.3	∞
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	64	-2½	...	4.1	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	415	...	...	2.2	17.8
480	373	Grand Met	449	+4	...	3.7	17.1
427	347	Greenalls Grp	415	+8	...	3.8	14.0
575	505	Greene King	568	+1	...	2.7	16.1
521	388	Guinness	468	-10	...	3.2	17.5
281	230	Hardy Hansn	236	-1	7.8	4.1	13.1
138	105	Heavitree	135	+20	3.0	2.8	32.2
353	255	Highland Distl	333 †	-1	...	2.5	16.6
3138	2538	Holt J	3125	...	42.0	1.7	20.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	78 #	...	...	...	56.2
323	250	Invergordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	130	...	4.3	4.2	29.2
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	385 †	...	...	2.9	18.4
225	164	Mansfield	194	+1	...	2.6	13.8
299	231	Mrston Thmp	282 †	...	...	2.5	17.0
555	288½	Matthew Clark	555	+2	...	4.1	18.5
300	210	Mrydwn W	223	...	7.0	3.9	17.5
580	455	Morland	550 †	...	9.7	2.2	∞
12	6½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	∞
204	145	Regent Inns	203	...	...	2.8	20.6
1225	753	SA Breweries	1206	-2	...	2.2	20.3
554	393	Scot & New	543	-6	...	4.0	16.5
225	155½	Taunton Cider	161	...	6.2	4.9	12.4
275	213	Vaux Group	275	+3	9.3	4.3	19.0
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	328	...	...	2.1	25.5
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	564 †	...	...	4.0	13.5
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	536	+4	11.8	2.8	15.1
515	475	Young 'A'	485 †	...	14.7	3.8	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
140	73	Abbey	140	...	...	1.7	23.0
25½	12½	Albrighton	18	-1	...	...	...
148	87	Allen	145	-1	...	4.4	32.5
130	65	Amec	116	+3	3.0	3.2	21.5
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
326	150	Ashtead	323	...	...	1.8	34.2
143	101	Atwoods	124 †	-1	...	5.0	...
308	180	BPB Ind	304 †	...	...	3.1	36.4
93	57	Baggeridge Brk	93	...	3.1	4.2	31.3
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.6	2.9	...
108	74	Barcon	83	...	1.2	1.9	15.1
56½	32½	Bardon	42½	+½	2.0	5.9	20.9
209	94	Barratt Devs	206	+4	4.0	2.4	∞
460	305	Bellway	456 †	...	12.0	3.3	∞
43	15	Bellwinch	41	...	...	...	...
453	295½	Berkeley Gp	453	+5	...	1.7	28.4
116	45	Bett Bros	110 †	...	...	2.3	14.2
63	26	Blockleys	45	...	1.0	2.6	49.7
346	189	Blue Circle	340	+1	...	4.1	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	92	...	4.6	6.2	22.6
131	82	Br Dredging	130	...	5.2	5.0	28.9
86	45	Brit Fittings	80	-1	1.7	2.7	...
156	99	Bryant	155	...	...	3.9	31.3
123	53	CALA	123	+2	...	2.3	...
340	200	CRH	330	+1	...	2.6	18.1
43	18	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	27½	...	...	...	...
150	86½	Countryside	144	+3	...	3.6	∞
100	38	Crest Nicholson	97	-2	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	102	...	...	1.2	...
7½	1½	Dunton	5½	+½	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
285	178	Epwin	276	...	7.0	3.2	23.4
59	32	Erith	56	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	450	-53	...	2.9	16.9
6½	3	Explaura	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
50	38	Galliford	38	...	...	3.3	...
81	52	Gibbs & Dandy	79	...	...	3.2	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	910 †	...	...	1.8	15.8
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	156	...	...	2.6	27.8
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
390	186	Heywd Wlm	390	+10	13.0	4.4	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	110	...	2.5	2.8	...
38	26	How Gp	28	+½	...	5.0	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	69	+1	1.0	1.8	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	13½	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	303	...	9.0	3.7	12.1
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	120½	...	...	6.6	...
110	55	Ln Clydeside	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	-½	...	...	0.9
350	240	Manders	316	...	...	3.7	19.4
183	93	Marley	178	+2	4.2	2.9	52.2
127	61	Marshalls	120	...	...	4.2	...
190	122	Maunders (J)	190	...	...	3.4	18.3
217	96	McAlpine (A)	207	+3	6.5	3.9	35.8
47	23	McCarthy & S	38	...	0.5	1.6	...
491	272	Meyer Int	491 †	+12	...	2.5	49.2
129	62	Mowlem (J)	124	+2	4.0	4.0	...
166	51	NSM	155	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	157	...	...	5.3	21.0
300	197	Persimmon	280	+1	8.6	3.8	28.6
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1725	1237½	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	21.8
163	80	Prowting	159	+5	3.4	2.7	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti	1½	...	...	...	...
906	555	RMC Gp	897	+2	...	2.8	33.7
117	79½	Raine Ind	82	+1	...	4.6	19.4
36	18	Ramus	23	...	...	...	...
603	402	Redland	589	+13	25.0	5.3	34.3
86	64	Rostel	80	...	4.3	6.7	11.8
313	207	Rugby Group	309	+3	6.4	2.6	23.7
68	23	Srvild-Rvee	65	...	...	0.5	...
163	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162	...	...	3.1	28.2
248	86½	Sheffield Insl	248	...	...	2.7	60.9
175	82	Sheriff Hldgs	175	...	...	1.6	26.1
126	66	Shorco	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
240	19½	Smart (J)	222	...	...	4.8	16.7
6½	1½	Starmin	2	...	...	...	...
165	100	Tarmac	164½	+5½	5.5	4.2	...
194	137	Tay Homes	172	+1	...	4.4	20.4
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	134	+8	1.0	0.9	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	618	+8	33.0	6.7	20.1
35	19	Torex Hire	34	...	...	1.5	...
294	168	Travis Perkins	292	...	8.0	3.4	51.4
40	25	Try Group	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.9
28	21	Tudor	28	...	...	1.5	...
91	41	Vibroplant	86 †	...	2.5	3.6	30.9
65	20	Ward Hldgs	46	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	380	Watts Blake	430	+1	...	3.5	18.5
21½	6½	Wescol	20	...	...	...	...
180	90	Westbury	179	...	5.0	3.5	27.9
12	4½	West Scaffold	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
457½	362	Wilson Bowdn	451	...	...	2.5	31.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	183	...	3.9	2.7	31.7
194	104	Wimpey G	173	+8	...	3.8	...
47	15	YRM	19	...	0.5	3.3	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	570	-15	...	...	...
248	198	Adam & Harvey	248	...	13.0	6.6	4.5
92	56	Air London	61	...	...	7.2	10.9
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	127	-8	...	6.0	22.8
139	84	BET Ord	137½	...	...	2.0	5.5
115	41	BNB Res	114	...	4.9	5.4	...
318	183	BPP	233	-3	8.3	4.5	12.9
285	195	Barbour Index	240	...	8.0	4.2	16.4
28	15	Boustead	23 †	-1	0.7	3.8	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	217	-3	4.7	2.7	15.8
26	11	Broadcastle	22	...	...	1.4	17.5
73	54	Brooks Service	61	...	...	1.0	...
109	86	CRT Gp	97	...	...	3.8	17.1
193	139½	Capita Group	191	+2	...	1.5	29.8
45½	31	Casket Plc	40½	-1½	...	2.8	15.6
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
55	26	Christie	55	...	...	...	...
384	228	Chubb Sec	355	-3	...	1.9	21.9
116	90	Comac	113	+4	...	1.7	39.5
37	6½	Corp Services	36	...	...	...	...
91	20	Coutts Cnslg	87	...	3.3	2.9	19.1
142	50	Dart	142	...	...	4.7	16.1
256	198	Davis Service	214	-1	4.4	4.5	14.1
124	85	EW Fact	123	...	0.4	2.0	18.4
32	11	Gardiner	26½	...	...	2.5	22.9
277	215	Hays	263	-3	...	3.6	17.3
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	237 †	+3	...	...	24
70	34	Holmes Protectn	39	-21	...	1.6	25.5
305	127	Hatch Whamp	305	...	...	1.0	14.1
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2050	-2	...	3.4	17.1
637	475	Inchcape	526	...	25.7	3.7	18.9
875	669	Johnson Clean	568	...	...	...	...
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	271	...	3.5	1.6	21.1
1187	893	Manpower	1100	...	1.8	3.8	25.1
62	40½	Michael Page	59	...	...	8.7	4.3
279	115	Pennant	115 †	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	29.3	3.5
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	64	-3	14.1	4.7	12.9
423	337	RCO	375	...	2.0	2.6	...
118	86	REA	96	...	...	...	...
108	43	Reed Executive	95	...	...	5.1	21.9
196	108	Reliance Sec	110	+2	2.5	1.5	26.7
238	178	Rentokil	214	...	...	3.4	15.6
283	230	Rolfe & Nolan	280	-17	...	3.0	21.7
399	331	Salvesen (C)	331	...	...	2.9	11.2
39	26	Scott Pickford	35	...	...	...	...
10	5	Select Appt	7½	...	...	...	...
1278	695	Serco Gp	1265	-5	13.3	1.3	35.0
352	83	Sherwd Cmptr	107	+6	...	8.2	3.1
130	93	Sketchley	100 †	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	325	-5	6.0	2.6	17.0
45	27	Welpac	28	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	26	...	...	1.9	18.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	230	+1	...	2.4	21.1
984	613	Amersham	984	...	...	1.8	34.0
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£113½	8325	BASF DM	£113½	+200	...	5.8	...
300	199	BTP	295	+3	...	4.1	20.1
£137½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£137½	+187½	...	4.0	...
178	118	Blagden	121	-2	6.5	6.7	13.0
165	93	Brent Chems	117	+1	...	7.9	10.7
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	365	...	...	...	...
20	5	Caird Gp	5	-½	...	22.2	13.9
180	126	Canning (W)	145	...	7.2	6.3	16.6
608	421	Courtaulds	454 †	+9	...	3.9	11.4
347	228	Croda	343	...	...	2.9	19.7
149	121	Doeflex	122	...	4.6	4.7	9.4
226	175	Ellis & Everard	215	+2	...	4.1	20.5
47½	15½	Euro Colour	35	...	0.8	3.1	16.8
348	250	Halstead (J)	348	...	...	2.3	17.2
241	150	Hickson	104	+5	...	6.1	15.2
£118	8850	Hoechst	£115	+250	...	3.2	...
229	169	Holliday Chem	169	-1	...	2.7	15.6
777	606	ICI	765	-7½	...	4.5	...
693	576	Laporte	668	+4	19.9	3.6	19.0
230	181	Leigh	197	-1	...	5.0	16.8
97½	35	MTM	48	+1	...	...	...
2050	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1875	...	...	1.5	26.7
464	370	Paterson Zoch	451	...	...	3.5	15.2
420	360	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.9	13.7
296	199	Plysu	282	...	...	4.3	13.2
303	173	Porvair	278	-14	3.8	1.7	29.7
70	35	Scotcliffe Speak	47	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	425	+5	...	5.1	19.6
550	395	Wolstnhlme R	548	...	17.0	3.9	18.7
425	330	Yorks Chem	395	...	...	2.5	21.3
300	233	Yule Catto	280	...	...	2.9	16.2
799	593	Zeneca	777	-12	...	4.4	45.9

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	66	...	...	5.7	...
87	42	Amber Day	62	+1	1.3	2.7	∞
373	257	Argos Plc	367	-5	...	2.4	31.3
25	9	Ashley Group	11	-½	...	2.1	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	85	...	0.1	0.1	...
330	278	Asprey	314	-1	5.2	2.1	21.7
154	94	Austin Reed	148	+1	...	2.1	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.2	14.9
121	96	Bennetts	110	...	1.9	2.2	...
278	132	Betterware	140	-9	...	1.9	16.8
47	22	Blacks Leis	30	-2	2.2	1.4	...
227	133	Body Shop	211	...	...	1.0	27.2
16½	10	Brown & Jackson	10	-½	...	1.0	5.1
434	318	Brown (N)	423	...	...	2.2	24.8
87½	61½	Burton	63½	-½	2.0	4.0	∞
197	126	Cantors	193	+3	4.0	2.6	∞
360	295	Church	334	...	13.5	4.7	29.7
185	97	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.3	3.6	18.5
289½	212	Coats Viyella	220	-4	...	3.5	37.3
112	78	Colourvision	83	...	5.6	8.4	14.9
181	154	C'try Casuals	157	...	...	3.3	14.6
935	374	Courts Furnish	885	...	5.6	0.8	11.1
155	115	Crown Eyes	140	...	...	6.8	9.4
130	89	Dairy Farm Intl	110	+4	...	1.2	17.5
91½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	91	-½	0.8	1.1	29.2
293	189	Dixons Grp	286	-4	...	2.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	69.7
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	150	...	...	2.9	24.0
273	203	Etam	230 †	...	7.0	3.8	21.1
608	490	Fine Art Dev	556	-18	13.0	3.0	18.0
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
623	498	Forminster	623	...	14.0	2.8	11.3
180	24	French Connect	116	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	-1	...	4.0	20.5
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	78	...	0.3	0.5	...
600	334	GUS	573	-9	...	2.5	17.6
40	23	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
277	30	Harrisons	42	...	...	8.3	...
29½	20	Helene Plc	29½	+1	2.0	8.6	13.6
88	29	Herbage	88	+3	...	...	...
79	55	Honeysuckle	67	-1	...	4.2	∞
161	63	Jacques Vert	154	...	...	2.4	11.8
751½	496	Kingfisher	743	-1	...	2.3	25.6
74	62	Lestle Wise Gp	73	...	4.0	6.8	15.0
685	495	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.7	64.2
325	241	Lloyds Chem	316	+4	...	2.9	11.1
183	120	MFI	146	...	...	3.2	30.7
457	312	Marks Spencer	447	+4½	...	2.3	22.8
580	445	Menzies (John)	566	+6	...	2.4	16.0
253	135	Moss Bros	232	...	5.5	3.0	27.2
212	139½	Next	206	+2	3.5	2.1	24.6
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
325	197	Oriflame Intl	325	+7	...	3.8	15.7
63	34½	Pentos	34½	...	0.8	2.9	7.2
313	185	QS Hldgs	225	...	5.1	2.0	16.0
69½	30½	Rhino Grp	58	-3	...	...	...
170	120	Rosebys	170	...	...	3.6	20.4
181	136	Sherwood Gp	147	...	...	2.2	13.2
131½	93	Sears	128	...	...	3.4	...
41½	11	Signet Group	19½	-2½	...	...	...
512	400	Smith WH 'A'	503	+13	...	3.5	16.9
20	4½	Specialeyes	17	...	...	...	...
230	176	Storehouse	228	+1	...	2.8	22.3
191	148	T & S Stores	149	...	6.0	5.0	11.1
162	71	Tie Rack	146	+3	1.0	0.9	23.9
239	160	Time Products	231 †	-1	7.7	4.2	10.9
128	63	Usher (Frank)	108	...	...	6.9	9.3
364	302	Vendome	354	-3	...	2.2	16.5
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum	44	...	...	5.3	...
120	76	Wickes	107	...	...	0.2	48.7
78	45	Wid of Leather	54	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	173	+2	...	3.1	22.9
4	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	149	-1	...	4.2	15.0
275	223	Acal	266	...	...	3.1	18.4
162½	38	Acorn Compt	90	...	...	...	45.6
480	385	Admiral	470	...	5.7	1.5	19.9
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.3
50	19½	Alphameric	39½	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	40	-2	0.5	1.6	∞
128	61	App Holo	76	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	35	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	71	-3½	...	0.4	...
293	224	Beales Hunter	235	...	...	5.0	14.5
9	2	Bennen & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	412½	+9½	19.2	3.8	...
538	408	Blick	448	+8	10.2	2.9	∞
1700	925	Borland	1200	...	...	...	...
374	274	Bowthorpe	374	+2	6.4	2.2	24.4
484½	376	BT	469½	-4	...	4.3	17.9
232½	150	BT P/P	215½	-5½	...	4.3	22.2
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	55	...	5.7	13.1	8.7
509	334½	Cable Wireless	499	...	...	1.9	25.9
27½	11½	Chloride	22½	-1	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comptr People	108	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	153	-1	...	1.2	15.7
433	243	Critchley	423	...	...	1.4	24.2
554	414	Delta	475	...	...	3.7	19.8
443	305	Denmans El	443	...	...	1.7	18.9
680	395	Domino	420	...	7.4	2.2	14.3
66	48	Dowding Mills	64½	...	...	4.8	27.6
1220	865	Druck	1210	...	10.0	1.0	25.8
485	358	Electrocomponts	480	...	...	2.2	19.6
710	470	El Data Prc	575	-48	5.5	1.2	∞
146	43	Electron House	135	...	2.6	2.4	29.6
30½	10½	Emess	19	...	0.1	0.7	...
650	442	Eurotherm	649	-1	8.5	1.6	29.5
187½	108	FKI	185 †	+1	...	2.2	27.2
547½	340	Farnell Elect	540	+2	...	1.5	28.6
91	33	Feedback	68	-14	...	3.7	8.8
18	1	Ferrand	1 #	...	...	...	...
280	101	First Tech	272	-1	...	0.5	22.6
270	81	Forward Gp	238 †	-1	...	2.1	21.5
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
387½	264	GEC	319½	-2½	10.4	4.1	15.8
197	132	Graseby	152	-1	...	9.0	32.0
14	7½	Graystone	10½	...	...	...	...
53	36	Hicare	41	...	...	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150	...	...	3.7	15.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
105	26	Kalamazoo	100	...	2.7	3.4	23.0
19	8	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
349	260	Kenwood App	332	+2	...	3.0	18.5
265	47	Kewill Sys	235	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan	19	...	...	...	...
385	122	LDMS	160	...	...	0.6	22.6
300	205	Lec Refrig	265	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	129	Life Sciences	134	+2	3.7	3.5	14.5
285	164	Logica	263	-3	...	1.9	30.3
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	215	...	...	3.0	20.3
718	523	Macro 4	633	-17	...	3.5	19.2
243	175½	Memtec-Swa	235	...	...	2.0	20.8
3013	968	Micro Focus	1013	+13	...	...	9.3
227	144	Microgen	148	+2	7.2	6.1	10.1
33	23½	Microvitec	31½	-½	...	...	...
539	367	Misys	522	-1	...	1.7	19.1
589	98	Mitel	410	+16	...	...	...
153	108	MMT Compt	143 †	...	...	3.5	19.5
32	16	Molynx	39	-1½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst	249	...	...	1.9	18.8
165	103	Muirhead Elect	140 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
240	116	Murray Enter	233	...	...	2.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2775	-25	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	128	...	2.6	3.5	16.5
65	42	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
277	58	Norbain	269	...	...	0.7	20.7
75	20	Northamber	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	5	Oceonics	5	-1½	...	...	...
300	195	Oxford Inst	295	+1	4.6	2.0	20.2
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	55	-2	1.5	3.4	29.2
85	55	Peek	79	...	3.4	5.4	20.6
227	115	Pegasus	210	...	...	3.8	37.9
9750	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9750	...	...	3.9	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1375	-25	...	...	...
313	211	Phonelink	313	+1	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	275	...	...	1.9	23.1
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	255	...	...	1.9	22.2
96	63	Plessmo	73	...	...	5.1	6.2
120	76	Pressac	103	...	...	3.1	21.8
188	81	Psion	171	...	...	1.8	45.4
261	147	Racal Elect	168	+10	4.2	3.2	9.9
70	41	Radamec	41	...	...	4.6	8.8
70	34	Radius	27	...	2.2	10.4	6.3
92	61	Real Time	72	-1	...	5.2	14.8
35	18	Riva	25	-1	...	...	31.7
629	367	Sage Gp	483	+8	9.9	2.6	∞
348	222	Sanderson Elect	301	+2	9.9	4.1	12.8
88	49	Scantronic	77	...	3.1	5.2	20.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	...	4.0	20.1
375	270	Sema Gp	313	...	2.9	1.2	25.4
42	26	Silvermines	41	...	...	2.9	...
52	37	Soundtracks	52	+1	...	5.5	17.5
2675	1737½	TDK	2262½	+109½	...	1.4	25.6
27	4½	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	143	-1	0.8	0.7	23.6
1017	809	THORN EMI	1008	+5	...	4.0	23.0
152	96	Thorpe FW	133	...	...	3.5	15.5
103	35	Total Systems	35	-3	3.0	10.7	6.2
575	372	Tunstall	573	...	7.0	1.5	∞
295	164	Unitech	257	-2	...	3.0	60.9
11½	6	Verity	10	+½	...	...	...
35	22½	Vistec	25½	...	...	1.8	14.5
585	387	Vodafone	585 †	-3	...	1.7	24.6
473	368	Volex	426	+2	18.1	5.4	17.2
26	11	Western Selectn	20	+1	0.2	1.6	∞
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	261	+1	11.7	5.6	27.7

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
642	389	East Midlands	642	+11	...	4.0	11.3
660	399	Eastern Elect	654	+1	...	3.9	12.3
451	304	Hydro-Elect	434	-14½	...	3.4	15.1
641	404	London Elect	641	+9	...	3.8	14.2
723	458	Manweb	720	+4	...	3.6	10.4
693	424½	Midlands Elec	687	+2	...	3.9	10.7
452½	273	National Powr	440	-5	...	3.1	10.9
699	440	Northern Elec	695	+2	...	3.9	10.0
272	100	Nthn Ireland	250	-17	...	3.4	12.3
713	439	Norweb	709	+6	20.0	3.5	11.0
505	273	PowerGen	494	-4	...	2.8	12.9
455	285	Scottish Power	446	-6	...	3.3	16.4
717	436	Seeboard	708	+4	...	3.7	9.1
730	469	Sth Wales	713	+1	...	4.1	10.8
663	426	Sth Western	662	+5	...	3.8	10.5
678	406	Southern Elec	674	+3	...	3.6	12.4
668	455	Yorkshire Elec	661	...	...	3.9	12.5

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
133	47	BWD	128	...	...	3.3	20.0
101	26	Baltic Plc	100	...	...	1.2	...
628	413	Caledonia	627 †	+2	...	3.1	23.3
1850	1075	Camellia	1825	...	...	2.1	6.8
318	243	Candover	304	...	10.4	4.3	21.5
291	71	Flexcetch	291	...	...	0.2	...
352	155	Gowrt	336	+1	...	4.9	9.0
188	125	Ivory Sime	165	...	...	4.9	15.5
8½	3	LIT	5½	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting	234	-1	8.7	4.6	17.0
77	47	Manakin	76	...	5.0	8.2	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	248	Rathbone Bro	304	...	6.5	2.7	18.5
26	17	Rutland Tst	20	...	...	5.0	11.9
340	253	S & U	313	+2	10.2	4.1	11.6
82	48	Singer & Fried	79	...	...	4.7	...
1038	713	Sothebys	993	...	...	3.4	...
126	113	SIP Capital	116	...	3.0	3.2	47.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2137½	...	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	973 †	+3	...	5.4	22.4
300	92	Invesco	171	...	...	2.2	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	275	+6	...	2.9	11.5
255	154	MAI	252	-1	...	3.4	16.0
728	389	MAM	685	+5	16.0	2.9	17.1
1005	633	M & G	947	...	...	2.8	25.2
433	109	Smith New Ct	400	-7	...	2.2	3.9
81	45	Trio Hldgs	53	+2	...	7.1	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
545	456	All Food	538	-2	...	3.5	11.0
77½	46½	ASDA Group	52	+2½	1.6	3.8	12.5
320	170	Acatos & Hutch	320	+4	7.6	3.0	18.5
80	55	Albert Fisher	64	+1	3.7	7.3	∞
407	246	Argyll	261	-2	...	5.4	9.3
230	160	Banks (S C)	220	...	9.0	5.1	9.8
402	305	Barr (AG)	309	-1	6.5	2.6	15.6
85	57	Bensons Crisps	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	100	Berisford Intl	106	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	392	+2	...	6.9	34.0
52	35	Borthwick	50	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	474	...	6.3	1.7	19.7
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	3.0	12.5
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	470	+1	...	3.6	16.6
143	78	Carrs Milling	128	...	3.9	3.8	25.6
196	133	Cranswick	143	+6	...	7.1	10.5
22	8½	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
350	119	Dalepak	127	...	6.0	5.9	10.0
521	424	Dalgety	490	...	...	5.5	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
257	191	Devro	254	-2	...	2.7	24.1
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
383	289	Farepak	374	...	5.7	1.9	23.0
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	73	...	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.5	18.0
483	305	Geest	324	+16	8.1	3.1	14.6
16	7	Global	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	153	...	...	5.4	8.5
175	131	Hillsdown	154	+4	8.8	7.1	12.1
250	146	Iceland Group	153	+3	...	2.9	9.6
131	92	JLI Group	99	...	...	6.0	10.8
853	542	Kwik Save	546 †	+1	...	4.2	9.9
262	144	Low (Wm)	151 †	-1	...	7.0	5.3
83	41	Matthews (B)	76	...	2.3	3.9	49.8
19½	11	Merchant Retail	13	...	0.9	9.3	28.2
174	84	Morrison (W)	94	+2	...	1.1	12.2
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	209	Nthn Foods	224	...	...	4.8	10.8
20½	8	Nrthmbn Fn	9	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	187	-3	...	4.2	10.4
251	205	Park Foods	244	...	...	3.1	18.8
115	58	Perkins Food	60	...	...	9.3	6.9
114	47	PizzaExpress	107	...	...	0.6	22.6
9	1½	Regina Hlth	9½	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	418 †	+1	...	3.1	14.7
86	33	Senty Farms	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	94	Sims Food	94	-6	...	8.8	17.7
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	392 †	-2	...	4.1	10.4
273	176	Tesco	196	+1	...	4.7	8.9
211	123	Thorntons	165	-2	...	2.8	...
183	101	Treats	144	...	...	3.2	16.4
410	300	Unigate	351 †	...	...	5.8	11.5
437	326	Utd Biscuits	341	-7	...	5.6	21.1
24½	18½	Usborne	21	...	...	3.2	15.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	272	-1	13.2	6.1	14.2

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	20.0
252	170	Forte	246	-3	...	3.8	19.3
215	148	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis	9½	...	...	...	...
147	87	Jurys Hotel	147	...	...	4.3	11.9
222½	142	Ladbroke	156	+4	11.1	8.9	13.3
85	59	Mandarin Orntl	80	+2	...	4.2	19.8
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	58½	-½	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	38	-1	...	28.9	2.3
616	455	AAH	478 †	-5	...	4.6	15.9
185	123	ADM	138	...	7.5	6.8	8.4
132	88	APV	114	...	...	5.9	...
238	81	ASW	160	+1	...	4.7	...
186½	118	Adwest	156	...	...	5.8	15.0
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
281	249	Airsprung	271	+2	...	2.1	17.2
189	113	Alenda W	184	...	4.1	2.8	29.1
9	6½	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	280	...	...	2.6	16.5
48	17	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
695	345	Amber Ind	695 †	-10	...	3.4	15.9
56	45	Amberley Gp	48	+1	...	2.6	...
107	75	Anagen	81	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	82	...	...	6.7	...
1005	703	Anglogasta	953	...	...	2.1	17.6
54½	37	Armour	45	-½	...	4.5	10.7
170	143	Ash & Lacy	158	...	6.4	5.1	16.2
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	484	...	...	4.4	∞
288	168	Assoc Nursg	267	...	...	0.5	16.3
687½	503	Atlas Equip	503	...	...	5.5	12.6
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
190	147	BBA	189	+7	...	5.0	16.1
91	28	BLP Group	91	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21½	...	0.5	3.7	...
770	590	BOC	638 †	-6	...	4.5	15.1
79½	51	BSG	60	...	...	6.7	20.9
514	353	BSS Group	514	+9	...	4.2	28.4
409½	318	BTR	351	+6	...	4.0	19.6
221	147	BWI	152	+2	...	5.5	14.1
50	25½	Babcock	29½	+1	...	4.6	17.8
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	233	Baird (Wm)	233 †	-9	8.9	4.8	16.2
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	781½	+34½	...	4.3	∞
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	3.0	25.0
15	4	Beaufd	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	28	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	-½	...	2.3	12.1
707	285	Bespak	308	-2	10.0	4.1	9.6
133	55	Bibby (J)	59	-1	2.0	4.2	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	272	+3	5.3	2.4	13.7
41	21½	Bilston Batters	29	...	...	...	...
17½	2	Bimec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
230	118½	Birkby	230	+2	...	2.0	11.9
45	29	Black Arrow	29 †	-1	2.1	9.1	9.1
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
253	136	Black (Peter)	251	...	3.7	1.9	22.1
590	129	Bluebird Toys	588	+5	...	1.0	17.3
322	230	Bodycote	280	-1	...	2.5	16.6
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
563	416	Boots	544	-1	...	3.1	21.5
81	42	Booth Inds	49	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	402	Bowater	456	+5	...	3.3	19.1
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1463	+29	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl	250	-3	...	1.9	18.7
19	12½	Brasway	16	+½	...	4.0	...
303	204	Brammer	290	...	13.0	5.6	21.6
27	12	Bridgend Gp	24	+4	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	122	+2	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	71 †	...	...	4.4	...
81	31	Brierley Inv	47	...	...	7.2	11.4
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	8.0	5.3	∞
102	42	Br Bloodstock	102	+19	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	420	...	...	3.1	15.1
135½	54	Br Steel	133½	+3	...	1.4	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
186	115	Br Thornton	186	+3	...	1.7	20.3
268	215	Br Vita	241	-1	7.3	3.8	14.8
15½	5½	Britton Grp	13½	-½	...	1.6	...
805	555	Broken Hill	754	+6	...	2.3	35.6
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	91	-1	...	6.0	11.8
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	40	Brown & Tawse	40	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	132	...	6.0	5.7	22.6
24	11½	Business Tech	14	-1	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	14 †	...	0.5	5.1	13.4
28	11	Campbll & Arm	39	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	32½	...	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	258	...	...	5.1	17.2
377	254	Caradon	374	+5	...	2.9	30.2
182½	128	-do- pf	182	+3	7.2	5.0	...
254	178	Cardo Eng	254	...	8.6	4.2	18.1
2888	2125	Carnaud Mtl	2138	...	...	2.9	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	78	...	...	3.8	12.8
225	158	Castings	224	-1	4.6	2.6	15.7
71	53	Calbay Intl	65	...	...	...	...
195	113	Charnbrlin Hill	170	...	0.5	4.8	10.6
753	605	Charter	723	+5	...	3.8	11.0
345	220	Chemring	315	...	...	3.3	19.0
92	45	Chieftain Gp	48	...	4.5	11.7	10.3
45½	15½	Chillington	38	...	1.0	3.4	...
215	144	Christies Intl	213	...	...	0.9	52.9
68	34	Claybithe	68	+3	...	4.6	...
85	55	Clayton Son	55	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	295	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
241	179	Community H	240	...	...	3.6	16.4
246	186½	Concentric	203	-3	5.8	3.7	∞
288	120	Cook (Wm)	255	...	6.0	2.9	15.4
233	182	Cookson	207	-1	...	3.6	27.4
76	38	Copymore	75	+4	...	1.7	22.9
238	130	Crowll Pkr 'A'	152	-3	...	4.7	20.6
178	92	Cosalt	118	...	5.3	5.9	∞
234	150	Creighton Nt	220	+2	...	4.2	15.6
48	27	CrestaCare	36	-1	0.6	2.3	31.1
3956½	2993½	Dana	3631½	+6½	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	280 †	-8	...	0.7	26.6
243	193	David Brown	221	...	...	3.4	15.8
22	5	Davies (DV)	18	...	...	...	...
830	632	De La Rue	809 †	-9	...	3.0	19.5
38	16	Dinkie Heel	37 †	...	1.1	3.7	29.5
574	391	Diploma	557 †	-5	12.8	2.7	∞
89	50	Dobson Park	86	...	3.7	5.6	∞
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	3.0	5.6	20.6
83	57	-do- 'A'	75	...	5.0	8.3	13.8
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	402	+1	...	3.8	15.9
28	19	Elliot	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2312½	-62½	...	2.3	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	66	-2	...	1.8	20.7
475	394	Eng China Cl	418	-1	...	6.0	24.3
140	111	Environmed	133	...	...	...	∞
3062½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2787½	-106½	...	1.0	...
77	32	Eurocopy	73	...	1.7	3.0	∞
87	47	Expamet	68	...	...	4.4	1.6
717	499	Fairey Group	669	-1	10.7	2.0	20.6
121	47	Fenner	117	...	...	...	...
75	32	Ferraris Group	70	...	2.0	3.6	∞
3	½	Ferromet	3	+½	...	...	...
20	13	Ferrum	13½	...	1.4	13.0	9.4
66	28	Fife Indmar	61	...	0.7	1.5	...
251	137	Fisons	142	-2	...	7.7	13.2
53	28	Flextillon	53	...	...	8.6	...
288	215	Flogas	253	...	...	3.9	11.6
43	33	Folkes Group nv	33	...	1.5	5.7	18.7
93	56	French (Thomas)	93	...	3.6	4.0	46.6
234	162	Frost Group	224	+3	...	2.5	28.0
88	70	GEI Intl	76	...	...	4.1	...
513	434	GKN	490	+2	...	5.2	32.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	4.9	...
101	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.1	5.6	...
161	103	Gestetner	134	-2	8.2	7.6	5.8
68	23	Glaves	49	+1	...	...	35.5
801	509	Glaxo	697	+9	...	3.9	18.2
38½	16	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
332	245	Glynwed	332	+2	11.6	4.4	31.3
129	66	Goode Durrant	128	...	...	...	...
153	102	Grampian Hd	150	+5	5.5	4.6	26.0
508	341	Granada	484	+11	...	2.3	19.8
455	301	Great Sthrn	454	...	...	3.1	18.7
117	73	Green (Ernst)	81	+3	...	10.8	12.3
15½	8½	Greencroft	15	-½	...	2.5	14.8
37	5	Guardian Grp	6½	...	...	...	...
68	30½	Haden Maclt	68	...	...	3.7	24.5
94	44	Hadleigh Inds	88	...	...	1.4	...
290	115	Hall Eng	274	...	8.6	3.9	22.9
229	161	Halma	214	...	...	1.2	28.7
53	30	Hampson Ind	51	-1	1.6	3.9	16.9
286½	222	Hanson	270	+3½	...	5.3	21.3
221	148	Harris (Philip)	149	...	...	5.8	8.9
204	147	Harrisn Crsfld	199	-1	9.0	5.7	28.7
123	38	Havelock Euro	116	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
30	17	Headway	29	...	...	3.0	...
13½	4	Healthcare	4	...	...	25.0	1.1
418	301	Hepworth	408	-2	14.8	4.5	17.6
228	160	Hewitt (J)	205	...	3.2	2.0	16.0
57½	15	High-Point	54	...	0.5	1.2	...
167	112½	Hill & Smith	165	...	...	4.3	23.0
19½	6½	Hobson	17½	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	45	...	0.9	2.5	34.0
188	133	Hornby	186	...	...	6.0	17.6
88	54½	Howden	75	-3	2.2	3.7	13.9
260	173	Hunting	218	-1	...	5.7	18.4
503	289½	Huntleigh Tech	470	...	...	2.7	12.0
312	247	IMI	302	+2	...	4.1	26.8
119	90	ISA Intl	114	...	1.5	1.7	17.7
205	131	Intercare Gp	136	...	...	2.5	14.4
286	235	Isotron	280	...	4.3	1.9	16.3
665	360	Jardine Math	629	+18	...	2.0	22.8
537	425	Johnson Matth	496	+2½	...	2.7	19.2
64	36½	Johnson & FB	36½	-2	1.3	4.7	∞
177	104	Johnston	164	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30 †	...	0.7	3.1	...
178	73	Kalon	160	...	...	2.7	22.2
287	195	Kelsey Ind	250	...	8.0	4.0	...
690	465	Kershaw (A)	690	+7	27.0	4.9	35.8
255	75	Kleeneze	243	...	1.0	0.5	∞
181	61	LOW	158	-1	3.4	2.7	13.1
351	266	Laird	335	+6	...	3.9	16.5
157½	103	Lilleshall	146	-2	...	3.7	19.2
223	97	Lincat	204	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	31½	...	...	...	25.9
128	76	Linread	93	...	3.8	5.0	14.7
305	170	Linton Park	305	...	...	5.7	11.0
15½	9½	Lionheart	10½	-½	0.2	2.3	...
25	15	Locker (T) A	17 †	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
274	97	Lon Intl	111	-28	6.2	7.0	...
144	70	Lonrho	137½	+½	4.0	3.6	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	336	...	...	3.5	47.1
41	14½	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Ind	52	...	...	6.0	53.6
59	39	MY Holdings	50	...	...	3.2	∞
216	168	Macfarlane	214	...	...	2.0	24.2
460	379	McKechnie	446	...	14.7	4.1	∞
123	85	McLeod Russel	117 †	...	6.1	6.5	∞
8½	1½	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	8.2
105	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
128	71	Mang Bronze	128	+5	2.5	2.4	∞
26½	19½	Marling	20	-1½	...	5.4	...
210	124	Mayborn	210	...	...	3.1	16.1
62	29	Mayflower	33	+1	...	1.1	44.3
236	88	Medeva	136	+1	...	2.2	11.0
118	88	Meggitt	94	+½	...	5.1	16.0
125	98	Metalrax	114	...	...	4.1	18.6
154	126	Metrotect	127	-2	...	3.2	17.5
98	70	Metsec	98	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midstates	87	...	...	1.1	12.1
28	14	Mining & Ald	27½	...	0.5	2.3	...
534	368	Molins	534	+5	...	3.4	12.8
345	262	Morgan Crie	335	...	...	4.7	17.6
184	134	Morris Ashby	177	-1	...	4.1	13.3
38	18	Neepsend	33 †	-1	1.0	3.8	44.3
73	34	Nestor-BNA	60	...	3.1	6.6	14.3
199	122	Nobo Gp	197	...	4.8	3.0	19.4
182	122½	Norcros	177	+1	...	5.0	25.4
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	343	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	58	...	...	...	...
56	21	OMI Intl	52	+1	...	4.3	...
162	123	PCT	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
91	36	Pacer Systems	91	+5	...	4.8	...
138	87½	Pentland	102	...	...	3.2	13.9
395	280	Photo-Me	320	...	4.6	1.8	20.7
173	97½	Pilkington	168	+11	...	1.9	...
92	68	Plasticbrook	92	...	3.1	4.2	14.5
154	125	Polypipe	137	+1½	2.1	1.9	18.5
42	15	Porter Chadburn	15	-1	...	3.3	6.9
14½	5½	Porth Gp	12	+½	...	...	...
376	272	Powerscreen	272 †	-31	...	3.1	14.1
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.8	5.3	∞
65	33½	RPS Group	55	...	2.3	5.2	12.2
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	180	+1	...	0.7	60.3
935	636	Rank Org	924	+10	31.0	4.2	25.3
33	14	Ransomes	14	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	647	+4	...	3.2	14.9
77	50	Record	69	...	3.6	6.5	33.9
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
260	131	Relyon	264	...	5.0	2.4	31.7
303	208	Renishaw	295	...	...	2.8	35.1
122	58	Renold	117 †	...	...	1.8	...
1760	1240	Reuters	1753	+13	22.1	1.6	28.0
83	24½	Rexmore	77 †	-1	2.0	3.3	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	176	...	...	4.0	24.9
76	58	Richard (Leics)	71	...	3.7	6.6	...
98	63	Richardson West	82	...	3.0	4.6	21.0
142	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
136	97	-do- 'A'	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
38	14	Ross Gp	19	+½	0.6	4.3	7.8
184	131½	Rotork	172	...	...	2.7	20.1
167	80	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	68	...	...	1.0	...
34	15	SBP Indl	31 †	...	0.8	3.3	∞
1087½	625	SKF 'B'	1050	+50	...	...	...
60½	39	Saville Grdn (J)	59	...	...	4.7	29.4
249	205	Scapa	216½	...	...	3.3	16.0
238	187	Scholl	187	...	...	4.2	13.6
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5 #	...	...	...	...
323	277	Senda	287	...	...	...	...
1123	917	Securicor	1120	...	2.6	0.3	42.6
855	562	-do- 'A'	855	...	2.6	0.4	32.5
745	465	Security Serv	745	...	5.1	0.9	36.0
126½	77	Senior Eng	118½	...	...	3.4	19.8
361	278	Seton Health	322 1	...	...	2.3	19.0
68	42	Sheldon Jones	46	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	136	...	3.0	2.8	14.7
344	271	Sidlaw	271 †	-10	...	4.8	13.4
587	427	Siebe	574	-1	...	2.3	20.1
383	220	Silentnight	353	...	...	2.8	19.1
149	102	Sime Darby	149	...	...	3.6	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	102	+6	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	191	...	...	4.6	14.9
47	35	Six Hundred	36 †	...	...	5.2	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	148½	+1	...	4.0	16.5
513	380	SmithKline	382	-3	9.6	3.2	13.8
450	340	SmithKline Uts	354	+4	...	3.4	12.0
443	320	Smiths Ind	439	+3	...	3.4	17.6
140	58	Sthn Bus	74	...	3.5	5.9	7.0
466	265	Spandex	466	...	...	1.8	20.7
600	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.5	1.1	9.5
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	340	...	...	3.4	21.3
145	44	Spring Ram	54½	...	...	0.6	18.1
270	201	Staveley	209	...	...	5.1	11.8
189	128	Sterling Ind	188	...	...	4.0	28.5
187	97	Suter	171	+3	9.0	6.6	17.9
518	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	518	-32	...	1.7	∞
7	2	Sycamore	2	-½	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53	...	...	7.3	10.1
153	120	Sylone	153	...	...	3.0	50.3
386	279	TI	379	+1	...	3.6	25.9
32	12	TLS Range	26	...	...	1.2	...
337	211	TT Group	324	...	...	2.5	19.9
237	201	Takare	230	...	...	1.0	20.0
868	618	Takeda Chem	727	+19	...	0.9	13.8
68	24	Tex Hldgs	61	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	97	...	...	7.0	14.9
240	150	Titon	225	-5	...	2.4	∞
271	212½	Tomkins	231	...	...	3.4	17.0
112	67	Trafalgar H	87	-6	...	4.6	6.4
116	69	Transfer Tech	74	-1	3.2	5.5	9.2
190	142	Triplex Lloyd	144	+1	...	6.1	17.3
275	214	UniChem	273	+1	6.4	2.9	17.9
375	279½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Undgroup	38	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1171 †	-3	22.2	2.4	15.9
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7775	-100	...	2.7	12.8
24½	9	Utd Inds	9½	...	...	...	...
915	513	VSEL	804	...	...	4.7	8.7
12½	6½	Vernon	12	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	155	+3	...	1.8	...
357	243	Victaulic	263	...	...	3.7	13.0
454	283	Vinten	444	+3	...	2.0	20.7
694	427	Vosper Thorny	652 †	...	...	3.1	15.8
48	38	WSP Hldgs	38	...	...	8.9	9.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	449	-1	...	4.9	19.5
98	71	Walker Greenbk	95	...	3.1	4.1	24.2
258	201	Wassall	252	...	2.7	1.4	25.4
45	22	Watford Wdgwd	44	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	288	...	...	2.6	16.2
995	600	Wellcome	656	-14	...	3.3	13.9
27½	16	Wellman	19	...	0.9	6.0	30.5
358	260	West Hldcare	334	-1	...	1.4	21.5
510	460	Whatman	480	...	9.7	2.5	16.3
353	224	Whessoe	256	+7	...	4.0	9.9
83	27	Whitecroft	83	+4	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	349	-2	12.5	4.5	18.3
40½	17	Wilshaw	41	...	...	1.7	25.8
804	533	Wolseley	802	+4	...	2.1	23.7
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	55	...	3.3	7.7	∞

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1237½	...	...	5.4	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1937½	-25	...	3.8	...
63	30	Archer (AJ)	61	...	2.7	5.5	29.7
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl	167	+7	...	4.0	12.0
148	118	Bradstock	140	+3	5.2	4.6	17.3
498	359½	Britannic	449	-2	...	3.2	...
667	556	Com Union	635	+6	...	4.7	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1730	...	...	1.6	22.9
50	18	FAI	45	...	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	707	+10	26.7	4.7	...
230	160	GRE	208	-2	7.1	4.3	17.3
412	293	Heath C E	383 †	-4	...	5.2	...
228	155	Hogg Gp	156	-1	8.1	6.5	14.1
215	162	JIB Group	172	...	...	5.5	17.6
546	408½	Legal & Gen	521	-1	...	4.7	31.7
1131	768	Liberty Life	1122	+23	...	9.4	21.9
468	405	Lloyds Abbey	426	+1	17.3	5.1	15.3
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	279	...	6.7	3.0	17.3
395	274	Londn & Man	383	+2	14.7	4.8	28.2
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	435	...	14.0	4.1	15.4
6743½	5262½	Marsh McLn	5375	...	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	123 †	...	...	5.1	...
72	50½	PWS	86	+1	4.0	7.6	9.6
376	282½	Prudential	351	-6	...	4.4	23.3
1138	800	Refuge	1010	+2	32.1	4.0	28.0
347	248	Royal	317	+15	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	184	+1	...	4.1	22.7
261	119	Steel Burrill	141	...	...	10.6	8.3
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	68	+2	3.0	3.7	∞
400	307	Sun Alliance	370	+3	14.2	4.8	...
88	50	Trade Indemnity	85	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	322	+1	12.0	4.7	29.9
773	499	Utd Friendly	608	...	15.1	3.1	28.5
243	171	Willis Corroon	218 †	+1	...	3.8	46.8
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1846	1548	Alliance	1832	+1	45.5	3.1	40.1
283½	226½	Amer Trust	276	+1	5.2	2.4	57.3
426	304	Ang & O'seas	419	+2½	6.8	2.0	53.2
158	124	BZW Conv	157½	...	7.8	6.3	18.3
196	133½	Bankers	196	+½	3.6	2.3	53.9
338	264	Baring Tribne	338	+1	6.4	2.4	53.4
203	131	Berry Starq	203	...	2.2	1.4	66.0
110½	96½	Br Assets	109½	+1	...	4.9	26.1
87	57½	Br Empire Sec	86	+½	...	1.4	73.3
31	14	-do- Wnts	31	...	...	...	...
208	156	Br Inv	207 †	...	4.6	2.8	46.7
199	130	Contl Asset	198	...	2.4	1.5	65.9
195	143	Derby Inc	153	...	...	11.6	9.2
303	195	-do- Cap	303	+8	...	...	...
90	62	Drayton Blue	90	+1	8.4	12.1	9.7
83	35	-do- Eng Ind	82	...	1.0	1.5	...
135	84	-do- Far East	130	+4	0.6	0.6	...
142	95	-do- Korea	142	+3	0.5	0.5	...
706	576	Dunedin Inc G	706	+6	...	4.6	32.5
100	76	-do- Japan	83	+1	...	...	...
55	34	-do- Warrants	43	+1	...	...	...
729	513	-do- Wrwde	725	+6	9.5	1.7	∞
292	222	Dundee & Lon	280	...	9.0	4.0	∞
315	250½	Edinburgh	314	+1	8.5	3.4	34.4
291	183	Electra Inv	284	+1	6.8	3.0	38.7
191	141	Electric Gen	187½	...	3.1	2.1	58.4
115	85	English Scot	115	+2	...	...	...
320	205	European Asset	320	+2	...	2.3	41.6
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	131	+2	3.0	2.9	42.1
307	248	Fleming Amer	307	+2	0.8	0.3	...
227	190½	-do- Claver	227	+1½	...	2.9	44.7
340	212	Do Contl	332	+3	2.7	1.0	...
211	147	-do- Emtp	210	+1	...	2.8	42.4
376	213	-do- F East	374	+7	1.1	0.4	...
343	246	-do- Fledg	343	+1	3.0	1.1	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	115 †	+1	...	4.8	19.7
260	136	-do- Japan	212	+4	...	0.3	...
294	250	-do- Merc	293	+1	6.7	2.9	62.4
307	212	-do- O'seas	297	-½	4.2	1.8	62.2
277	203	Foreign & Col	276	...	...	1.6	75.1
121	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	120 †	+2	0.2	0.3	∞
68	44	-do- Enterprise	68	+1	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	226 †	+3	...	0.7	...
131	87	-do- German	127	+2	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	315	+6	...	0.8	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	166	+½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	243	+3	...	0.6	...
174	65	Genl Cons Cap	174	+1	...	...	...
129½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
187	115	Govett Am Smlr	166	...	...	...	...
129	94	-do- Emg Mkts	129	+4	...	...	...
356	184	-do- Oriental	354½	+3	0.9	0.3	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	276	+1½	...	3.1	38.6
414	340	Greenfriar	413	...	...	1.9	62.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
149	126	Inv Cap	148	...	...	4.3	28.4
97	77	IBS UK Smlr	96 †	...	2.8	3.6	26.8
213	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	212	...	5.0	2.9	41.3
250	176	-do- O'seas	238	...	3.3	1.7	67.6
142	108	-do- Smlr	138	...	...	3.2	33.5
720	540	Law Debenture	720	+3	18.5	3.2	36.0
205	164	Majedie	205 †	...	...	3.0	38.3
289	221	Merchants	289	+½	...	4.8	26.9
3347½	1850	Merrill Lynch	3125 †	-37½	...	...	...
525	383	Monks Inv Tst	525	+3	...	1.6	66.3
145	105	Murrg Gren Inc	144	...	4.5	3.9	∞
54	23	Do Warrants	53	+1	...	...	...
60	39	Murray Euro	59	+2	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	20	+½	...	...	...
372	282	Murray Income	372	+2	10.9	3.7	35.5
368	285	-do- Ind	367	+1	11.6	4.0	33.1
442	263	-do- Small	442	+5	...	1.2	...
103	88	-do- S/C Inc	88	...	...	15.1	∞
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	128	+1	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	∞
159½	142½	-do- S/C DP	159½	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	314	+4	...	4.3	25.4
93	68	Nwthrnpt Inc	91	...	0.7	9.4	10.8
346	249	O'seas Inv Tst	340	+3	...	1.2	...
526	285	Pacific Assets	526	-24	1.1	0.3	...
431	187	Do Warrants	431	+24	...	...	...
8000	7650	Personal Assets	8000	...	190	2.9	49.0
171	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	170	+1	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	121 †	...	9.2	9.5	12.1
465	350	Robeco	413	...	...	3.1	...
435	346	Rolinco	418	...	...	1.9	...
297	234	St Andrew Inv	286	...	7.5	3.3	38.5
162½	131	Scot American	162	+½	...	3.6	34.3
315	136	Scot Asian	315	+13	...	...	...
865	225	do Warrants	865	+82	...	...	...
84½	63½	-do- Eastern	83½	...	1.5	2.3	54.0
231	183	Scottish	230	...	4.9	2.7	∞
235½	178	-do- Mrge	231	+1	4.0	2.2	59.9
104	71	-do- Value	104 †	...	1.8	2.2	∞
1648	1300	Second Allnce	1638	-3	...	3.0	41.2
94½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	94½	+½	3.2	4.3	31.2
163	109½	Selective Asset	161	+1	1.2	0.9	57.9
39	14	Sphere Inv	39	+½	3.1	9.9	12.6
179	112	TR Far East	179	+4	...	3.5	34.1
160	126	TR City Of Lon	159½	...	...	3.8	34.7
206	110	TR Pacific	206	+5	0.3	0.2	...
38	17	TR Property	38 †	+½	0.9	3.0	39.9
124	47	TR Tech Inv	124	+3	1.7	1.8	46.0
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	192½	+½	...	2.5	44.5
367	283	Temple Bar	367	+2	13.2	4.5	27.7
117	69	Thrgtn Asian E	117	+2	0.5	0.5	...
79	54	Throgmorton	75	...	2.3	3.8	30.6
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	509	...	...	...	...
242	178	USDC Invest	237	+2	4.5	2.4	43.6
119	76½	Value Inc Tst	119	+1	4.0	4.2	29.9
919	542	Whitbread Inv	908	+13	16.5	2.3	54.7
228½	181	Witan	228½	+2	5.6	3.1	40.0

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
482	269	Airtours	470	+8	...	2.4	14.7
64	42	Ald Leis	43	...	...	8.7	14.0
465	194	Anglia TV	420	-1	...	2.8	19.5
103	63	Baldwin	86	...	4.6	6.7	11.7
364	192	Barr & W 'A'	252	...	10.0	5.0	16.3
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1155	...	22.0	2.4	17.3
158	90	Border TV	143	-6	...	3.2	12.7
16½	4	Brent Walker	4½	-½	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scots	133	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	67	Campari	69	...	8.7	15.9	...
263	171	Capital Radio	243 †	...	5.7	3.0	∞
863	718	Carlton Comm	863	+4	...	2.7	20.3
248	158	Castle Comm	248	...	...	4.3	16.4
2695	1615	Central TV	2695	+25	39.0	1.8	29.4
124	61	Chrysalis	103	...	...	...	...
614	420	Compass Gp	614	+19	...	2.6	16.9
350	175	Eurocamp	209	-7	9.7	5.8	8.6
1180	268	Euro Disney	390	-30	...	3.0	...
8	2	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	34	...	...	1.3	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	280	-5	10.5	4.7	...
378	232	First Leisure	277	+1	6.2	2.8	19.2
590	298	GWR Gp	590	...	...	1.7	30.3
246	149	Grampian	230 †	...	6.5	3.5	15.9
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	15	-1	...	...	...
105	19	HTV Group	105	+4	...	...	46.6
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	56	...	...	5.0	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	+½	...	...	...
603	405	LWT Hldgs	585	+8	...	1.1	22.1
600	327	Man Utd	533	...	...	4.6	21.5
48	7½	Northern	39	...	...	...	...
148	59	Owners Abrd	82	+1	3.9	6.0	6.6
77	33	The Pelican Gp	69	...	...	2.0	16.2
170	55	Prism Leisure	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	36	...	...	...	...
350	274	Radio Clyde	350	...	...	3.0	27.4
308	132	Ramsdens (H)	307	+1	...	2.7	27.5
553	410	Scot TV	471	-3	10.3	2.7	23.2
65	37	Southern Radio	58	...	0.7	1.7	24.2
263	168	Stanley Leisure	263	...	4.3	2.1	30.8
10	5½	Sonleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	128	-1	3.5	3.4	19.5
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing	2	-½	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	105 †	...	...	2.4	5.5
78	44	Trans World	67	...	...	1.5	24.4
510	274	Ulster TV	499	...	12.0	3.0	15.3
109	62	Vardon	107	+1	0.8	0.9	25.3
22	11	Wembley	16	-½	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	172	-6	12.0	8.7	5.2
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

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MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5900	1800	Am Gold	5725	+112½	...	3.8	29.1
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1537½	-6½	...	5.9	8.1
2675	1125	Ang Am	2675	...	...	2.5	23.6
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	26½	+½	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	192	+10	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	37	+2	...	...	∞
871	233	Buffels	812	+52	...	7.8	7.4
2½	1	Bume	1½	...	...	...	...
781	546	CRA	781	+7	...	2.6	26.9
43½	11	Cluff Res	34½	+2½	...	...	...
1468½	762½	De Beers	1468½	+50½	...	3.3	20.2
165	37½	Deelkraal	144	+7	...	2.0	16.6
96	7	Doornfontein	71	+8	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	855	+49	...	3.8	16.9
788	120	Durban	736	+42	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	145	+9	...	7.4	4.5
175	35	E Rand Prop	84	+9	...	...	...
66	16	Eastern Trans	55	+5	...	4.5	11.8
604	117	Elandsrand	418	+38	...	2.8	10.3
1045	292	FS Cons	1045	+55	...	4.6	13.7
80	8	FS Dev	60	+3	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1512	+24	...	2.6	26.2
110	62½	Gencor	110	+3	...	7.9	12.5
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	56½	+4	...	2.4	23.1
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	+½	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	151	+4	...	6.6	9.4
360	78	Harmony	338	+17	...	...	...
425	87	Hartebeest	412	+21	...	6.6	16.4
16½	8½	Inoco	15½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	828	+27	...	3.3	28.5
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
1146	332	Kinross	1146	+76	...	4.9	∞
913	319	Kloof	720	+52	...	3.3	10.1
137	25	Leslie	126	+14	...	8.2	∞
355	13	Loraine	355	+27	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	80	MIM	111½	...	...	2.0	54.3
1322	820	Minorco	1307	+29	...	3.0	15.4
158	91	Nth Brkn Hill	158	+3	...	3.0	26.0
2712½	612½	Orange Free	2650	+100	...	6.3	21.4
754	607	RTZ	754	+13	...	3.2	21.3
156½	106½	Rand Mines	156½	...	...	7.0	∞
671	150	Randfontein	640	+55	...	4.4	9.6
198	115	Renison	198	+5	...	2.2	20.5
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1112½	+37½	...	2.9	∞
725	191	St Helena	670	+35	...	3.6	14.3
2166	475	Southvaal	2035	+120	...	2.8	37.2
119	18	Stilfontein	86	+1	...	7.2	15.7
201	98	Unisel	156	+9	...	4.2	∞
6400	1900	Vaal Reefs	6400	+400	...	3.4	11.6
703	154	Welkom	695	+56	...	6.1	21.8
640	26	Western Areas	632	+14	...	0.8	20.2
3000	587½	Western Deep	2987½	+184½	...	2.0	14.6
290½	176	Wstrn Mining	290	-½	...	1.7	...
1075	323	Winkels	1075	-72	...	3.5	∞
84	49	Zambia Copper	51	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	68	+5	...	6.4	22.7

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	249	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	...	...	...
153	78	Appleyard	121	...	...	5.4	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	303	...	...	3.8	15.4
192	120	Boston	180	...	6.0	4.2	31.8
466	165	Br Aerospace	427	+5	7.3	2.1	...
56	19½	Burndene	53	...	...	2.7	14.1
425	303	Caffyns	410	-15	11.5	3.5	...
15	4½	Caverdale	12½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs	123	...	...	4.1	31.3
36	18	Cook (DC)	34	...	...	3.3	19.1
287	156	Cowie (T)	258	+8	6.6	3.2	19.6
141	86	Dag Motors	136	...	5.7	5.3	24.6
155	102½	Davnport Vern	144	...	...	3.5	18.2
330	155	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	137 †	...	...	3.4	19.3
406	308	Evans Halshaw	403	...	11.4	3.6	62.1
290	211	FR Group	245	...	...	3.7	11.4
4306½	2843½	Ford Motor	4243½	-6½	...	...	...
3706½	2143½	General Mtr	3706½	+43½	...	1.4	...
75	38	Gowrings	55	...	2.0	4.5	...
256	85	Henlys	256	+1	3.5	1.7	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	844	+30	...	1.0	...
35	15	Jacks (Wm)	35	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	88 †	...	4.5	6.4	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	153	...	...	2.9	21.6
434	281	Lex Service	434	...	...	3.3	23.7
164	85	Lookers	149	...	6.2	3.2	...
190	126	Lucas	189	+1	...	4.6	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	250	...	...	3.2	20.5
190	101½	Perry Gp	166	+9	...	5.4	...
190	108	Quicks Group	163	...	...	3.6	20.8
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	167	+1	...	3.7	...
223	164	T & N	199	+8	...	6.8	28.3
256	163	Trinity Hldgs	251	...	...	2.8	23.3
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	163	...	...	3.2	22.8
253	121	Westland	250	...	4.5	2.3	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	103	Adscene	198	...	5.0	3.2	20.3
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	250	Blenheim Gp	323	-7	...	3.6	12.0
370	275	Bristol	368	+3	...	4.1	32.8
£106½	7775	Daily Mail	£105½	-25	13.4	1.6	23.7
£106	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£105	-50	13.4	1.6	23.6
355	251	Dorling Kind	311	-1	...	1.3	28.1
5800	4337½	Elsevier	5800	+125	...	1.6	19.6
402	322	EMAP	398 †	...	...	2.5	24.5
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1525	...	38.0	3.2	∞
264	170	Hardngton R	190	...	4.7	3.1	15.5
325	155½	Haynes Pub	325 ‡	...	...	2.1	18.3
363	334	Hodder H'line	345	...	5.1	1.9	29.3
140	99	Home Counts	111	...	5.2	5.9	...
153	30	Intl Bus Comm	152	-1	...	...	22.0
14	6½	Int Cm & Data	12½	+½	...	...	...
435	340	Independent	400	...	...	3.1	21.6
580	395	Johnstone Press	539	...	6.5	1.5	23.3
333	243	Metal Bulletn	333	...	8.2	3.1	23.5
186	88	Mirror Gp	160	...	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	460	-24	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	278	...	...	0.6	17.1
603	342	Pearson	581	-14	...	2.6	31.6
675	510	Portsmth Sund	642 †	-2	...	1.8	17.7
827	618	Reed Intl	815	-8	...	2.7	35.5
185	98	Southnews	185 †	+1	...	1.6	34.2
171	90	Sterling Pubs	166	...	...	2.3	18.2
423	328	Telegraph	423	+6	...	3.5	17.8
835	715	Thomson Corp	795	...	30.1	4.7	39.7
416	313	Trinity Intl	416	...	9.0	2.7	24.9
39	27	Unit Group	27	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspprs	591	+6	...	4.5	16.4

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	22½	...	...	...	21.9
61	34	Arcon Intl	34	-2	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	66	...	...	...	...
16	5	Beverley	5½	...	...	...	54.7
223	145	Br Borneo	196	...	7.1	4.5	5.9
356	226	British Gas	349	+2	14.2	5.1	16.9
362½	225	Br Petroleum	320½	-9½	8.4	3.3	25.2
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
834	675	Burmah Castrl	805	+13	...	5.1	19.0
68	32	Cairn Energy	60	...	...	...	8.6
317	223	Calor Gp	310	-1	...	4.8	16.9
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	51½	+5	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	40	+1	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	435	-5	19.0	5.5	23.9
88	27½	Exp Co Louis	27½	-3½	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	4.8	8.1
10½	4	Fortune	4½	+½	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	53	...	1.4	3.3	10.1
48	18	Gt Western Res	37	-1	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	138	-5	...	0.9	12.8
46	18½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	109	LASMO	109	-6	...	3.8	22.1
103	63	-do- Units	70	...	9.4	16.9	...
24	7½	Mid Scot Res	4	...	...	...	...
56½	34	Monument	55	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
40	27	Oil Search	38	...	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petrol	16	...	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	156	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	23½	...	...	...	8.7
168	90	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	355	...	...	4.6	...
7512½	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	6900	-87½	...	4.4	17.1
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3900	...	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	695	-11	22.8	4.1	21.4
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	19	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
208	136	Woodside	182	-2	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
155	120	AG Holdings	155	...	...	4.3	13.9
358	249	API	358	...	8.2	2.9	∞
259	144	Arjo Wiggins	239	-2	...	3.4	38.6
563	408	Abbott Mead	537	...	9.5	2.2	28.2
40	13	Aegis Gp	18	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	131	+1	...	4.7	11.9
20	7	BBB Design	18	...	...	...	...
428	234½	Bemrose	424	+1	...	3.6	18.5
30½	7	Birkdale	8½	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	133	-2	4.0	3.8	20.1
352	257	CIA Gp	347	...	...	1.6	21.9
230	93	Capital Inds	135	...	...	3.3	12.9
92	44	City of Lon	88	...	...	5.5	16.0
304	169	Cropper (James)	304 †	...	3.2	1.3	29.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
120	94	Dolphin Pack	103	-3	4.5	5.5	25.4
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	78	...	...	5.0	17.2
15½	10½	Elswick	14½	-½	...	2.6	15.9
74	41	Fairway Group	72	...	3.2	5.6	21.2
351	271	Ferguson Intl	349	...	...	4.5	15.8
128	92	Ferry Pick	128	...	...	5.5	34.5
168	74	Filofax	167	...	...	1.1	21.5
20	10½	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	147	...	...	4.5	16.3
295	205	Gold Greenless	205	...	8.3	5.1	14.6
41	17	Goodhead	24	...	0.0	0.3	∞
88	35	Headerprint	35	-1	...	...	...
185	136	Interurope	162	...	...	6.0	11.9
278	191	Jarvis Porter	272 †	...	...	2.2	25.4
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MDM	35	+½	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	330	-1	13.2	5.0	39.5
133	48	NMC Group	118 †	-1	2.7	2.9	18.2
233	66	Osborne & Little	233	...	...	2.8	25.3
525	455	Portals	507	...	...	3.6	17.5
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2	-½	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	281	...	...	2.6	17.3
347	270	St Ives Gp	313	-7	...	2.2	20.7
186	142	Saatchi	147	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	359	+8	...	9.1	6.9
32	11½	Serif	16½	+½	...	...	...
22½	14	Shandwick	24½	...	...	...	...
397	284	Smith David	370	+9	...	3.4	19.4
295	206	Smurfit (Jef)	266	+2	...	1.6	6.4
90	45	Somic	90	...	2.3	3.3	36.5
246	183	Stat-Plus	207	...	8.4	5.1	18.5
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	26½	...	0.3	1.6	22.2
104	38	VTR	98 †	...	...	4.8	14.7
106	40	WPP	93	...	...	1.3	3.5
179	62	Wace	175	...	...	0.7	...
365	208	Waddington (J)	230 †	...	...	4.4	17.2
410	270	Watmough	374	...	...	2.0	29.3
7	3½	Westport	3½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	27	+4	...	...	...
93	55	Wood (SW)	93	...	...	2.0	19.8

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	111	-1	...	4.0	28.8
47	35	Arcadian	37 †	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	133	...	...	2.0	14.0
152	88	Avonside	137	+1	4.1	3.7	19.2
2637½	2062½	BCE	2362½	+12½	...	...	...
670	396	Billon	642	+2	18.9	3.7	23.2
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	...	1.7	...
239	150	Bradford	237	+1	5.9	3.1	24.0
23	5	Bredero	13	...	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	433	-11	...	2.1	39.2
248	140½	Brixton	246	...	...	4.3	19.5
90	42	Burford	88	-1½	...	1.8	...
188	99	Cap & Regnl	186	+2	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
595	196	Chesterfield	595 †	...	11.5	2.4	42.6
43	12	City Site Ests	31	...	...	...	...
33	12	Clarke Nickolls	33	+1	...	...	...
548	300	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	65.2
53	34	Conrad Ritbl GS	45	...	...	...	...
1440	818	Daejan	1435	...	...	2.4	17.7
3½	½	Dares Estates	½	...	...	...	...
129	53	Debenhm Twsn	127	...	...	3.0	24.7
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
180	76	Derncora	173	...	3.0	2.2	...
666	263	Derwent Hldgs	664	-1	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	33½	-1	...	...	...
58	25	Dwyer	56	...	...	...	...
395	170	Estates Agency	395	...	...	2.4	46.9
27	7½	Estates Gen	19	...	...	...	...
216	132	Evans Of Leeds	216	...	...	2.8	18.9
35½	11	Five Oaks	32½	...	...	...	...
65	30	Fletcher King	64	...	1.0	2.0	42.4
515	276½	Frogmore	513	-2	...	3.9	24.7
236	97	Grainger	236	+2	5.2	2.8	∞
233	116½	Gr Portland	226	-3	...	4.4	21.6
17	3½	Greycoat	16 †	-½	...	...	...
192	101	HK Land	191	+7	...	3.3	25.2
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	67	+1	0.5	0.9	...
413	233	Hammerson	411 ‡	-1	10.0	3.0	41.6
298	122	Helical Bar	298	+3	...	2.1	10.7
39	19	Hemingway	34	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
797	435	Land Sec	789 †	+6	23.1	3.7	23.5
114	73	Lon Mrch Sec	113	...	4.0	4.4	17.6
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
563	315½	MEPC	558	-2	...	4.6	38.2
9	5	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
160	90	McKay Secs	160	...	3.5	2.7	22.0
7½	3	Markheath	3	-½	...	...	...
79	12	Merivale Mre	79	...	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Ind	5 #	...	...	...	...
50	28	Moorfield Est	50	+2	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1200	-10	22.0	2.3	12.0
174	112	Muckiow (A&J)	173	...	...	4.4	26.9
46	30	Olives Prop	39	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ossory Est	1½	...	...	...	0.5
172	88	PSIT	166	-1	4.1	3.1	32.9
359	138	Peel	351	+1	4.0	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	40	...	...	...	11.4
63	33	Raglan	36	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	27	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	36.2
50	16	St Modwen Prp	48	+1	0.9	2.3	36.6
81	39	Savills	81	...	...	1.5	32.1
112	33½	Scot Met	92	...	...	2.0	∞
117	39	Shaftesbury	117	...	...	...	...
19½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
279	139½	Slough Estates	278	+2	...	3.6	19.4
93	56	Southend Prop	93	...	...	3.3	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	29½	...	...	...	...
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	80.0
137	79	Town Centre	131	-1	...	3.2	23.4
96	43	Trafford Park	96	+1	...	3.6	22.1
56	17	UK Land	32	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
309	180	Warner	309	...	10.4	4.2	28.2
219	168	Warnford	217	...	7.5	4.4	15.7
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	91½	-½	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	75	+1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	11	Automagic	28	...	...	2.0	41.8
186	84	Headlam	185	...	...	...	...
500	285	Lambert	320	...	13.2	5.2	7.8
100	44	Pittards	51	+1	1.5	3.7	14.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	21	...	1.0	6.0	5.8
218	89	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	58	...	...	5.6	1.9

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	495	...	12.7	3.2	15.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	28	...	...	...	...
171	141	Br Mohair	171	...	8.5	6.2	16.0
53	15	Chartwell	36	-4	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	341	...	7.5	2.8	21.3
601	470	Courtauld Text	482	-7	13.9	3.6	13.2
53½	24½	Cupid	25	-1	...	...	...
249½	130	Dawson	134	+2	...	7.2	10.1
47	22	Drummond	39	-1	...	...	...
84	65	Faupel	83	+1	...	7.4	12.9
34	15	Foster (John)	21	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	115	...	4.2	4.6	...
228	156	Hicking Pntcst	228	+10	...	2.3	16.0
90	45	Jerome (S)	68	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	394	...	12.0	3.8	26.1
515	353½	Leeds	506	...	8.5	2.1	∞
64	15	Lister	54	-2	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	89	...	...	4.6	...
215	80	Magellan	211	-1	1.4	0.8	...
214	77½	Parkland	196	-2	...	1.1	...
102½	82	Readicut	97 †	...	...	4.4	18.3
66	35	SEET	52	-1	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	129	...	...	5.2	8.9
72	44	Stirling Gp	59	-10	1.9	4.1	16.2
51	36	Stoddard	36 †	-1	...	5.2	33.5
312	250	Tomkinsons	278 †	...	11.5	5.2	∞
62½	32½	West Trust	37 #	...	...	9.2	...
242	126	Yorklyde	241	...	...	2.8	15.8

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
541	407	BAT	534	...	...	4.5	16.0

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
529	349	Assoc Br Ports	523	-2	...	2.1	...
1002	707	BAA	990 †	+3	...	2.1	24.8
452½	249	Br Airways	442 †	-5	...	3.0	19.8
110	56	Clarkson (H)	100	...	1.7	2.2	...
25	23	Davies Newman	25 #	...	...	...	...
515	392	Eurotunnel Uts	464	...	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	78	...	0.5	0.8	20.9
220	147	IoM Steam	217½	...	...	4.8	11.4
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	-2	0.5	2.0	...
107	41	Lon O'seas Frts	103	...	...	1.3	18.9
445	264	Mersey Docks	435	+1	...	2.6	29.6
271	181	Nat Express	251	-3	...	3.5	26.0
284	228	NFC	247	...	...	3.7	18.1
343	244	Ocean Group	308	-3	...	5.8	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	70	...	4.0	7.1	12.7
676	504	P & O Dfd	628	+7	...	6.1	34.1
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	180	-8	...	3.8	...
629	448	Powell Duffryn	612 †	-4	...	4.6	23.7
225	117	Searcos	223	+12	...	3.0	14.0
163	112	Stagecoach	150	+1	...	3.2	18.1
81½	31½	TNT	78	+2	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	748	+23	12.6	2.1	28.7
382	37	Tiphook	60	-2	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	274	-1	...	4.3	9.1

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
580	455	Anglian Water	566 †	-5	...	4.8	11.3
347	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	347	...	...	3.9	12.6
722	547	Northumbrian	710	-1	...	4.1	8.3
592	431½	North West	567	-17	...	4.9	9.2
616	439	Severn Trent	606	-1	...	4.5	9.3
654	464	Sthrn Water	641	-2	...	4.2	10.7
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1515 †	...	48.5	4.0	10.8
637	465	South West	621 †	-7	...	4.9	10.2
584	454	Thames Water	563	-2	...	4.8	11.0
698	506	Welsh Water	692	+4	...	4.2	7.0
698	536	Wessex Water	687	-2	...	3.9	10.3
616	473½	Yorkshire W	608	+1	...	4.5	10.0

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100½	Treas 8½% 1994	100½	...	8.46	5.19
109¼	102½	Treas 14½% 1994	102½	-	14.20	5.16
109	103	Exch 13½% 1994	103	...	13.08	5.04
105	102½	Treas 10% 1994	102½	...	9.76	4.93
110	105	Exch 12¼% 1994	105	...	11.89	4.92
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.68	4.89
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	...	11.15	4.90
97¼	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.07	4.69
109¾	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	+	9.49	4.95
116¾	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.19	4.99
120¼	116	Treas 14% 1996	117	+	11.90	5.05
125¾	121¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	122½	+	12.45	5.13
120	115¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	-	11.21	5.14
112¾	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	112¾	+	8.88	5.27
122	118½	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.85	5.41
114¾	110	Exch 10½% 1997	114¾	+	9.16	5.42
110	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	110	+	7.90	5.49
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	132	+	11.36	5.66
114¾	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	114¾	+	8.51	5.70
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	106	+	6.83	5.62
106¼	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	106¼	+	6.83	5.62
102¼	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	102¼	...	6.60	5.06
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	131	+	10.66	5.89

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	140	+	11.06	5.81
125	118½	Exch 12% 1998	125	+	9.55	5.92
115	108	Treas 9½% 1999	115	+	8.21	5.89
127	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	127	+	9.58	6.03
120¼	112	Treas 10½% 1999	120¼	+	8.70	5.98
120	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	120	+	8.49	6.05
115	106	Conv 9% 2000	115	+	7.80	6.02
135	125	Treas 13% 2000	135¼ †	+	9.58	6.20
121½	109	Treas 10% 2001	121	+	8.26	6.31
121	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	121	+	8.01	6.44
111	97	Treas 8% 2003	111	+	7.17	6.35
125	109	Treas 10% 2003	125	+	7.99	6.47
128¾	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	128¾	+	8.96	6.54
83¼	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	83	+	4.18	5.53
123¾	105	Conv 9½% 2004	123	+	7.72	6.49
123¾	105	Conv 9½% 2005	123	+	7.70	6.54
141¾	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	141½	+	8.85	6.72
110¼	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	110	+	7.26	6.47
134	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	133	+	8.77	6.69
116¾	97	Treas 8½% 2007	116	+	7.28	6.60
149	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149¾	+	9.04	6.75

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
122¼	101½	Treas 9% 2008	122	+	7.37	6.62
113½	92	Treas 8% 2009	112	+	7.09	6.64
124	100	Conv 9% 2011	124 †	+	7.24	6.63
125	100	Treas 9% 2012	125	+	7.20	6.63
92	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91	+	5.98	6.23
112	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	112	+	6.90	6.56
115	93	Treas 8% 2013	115	+	6.94	6.59
156½	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	156	+	7.67	6.79
125¼	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	125	+	6.97	6.60

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
52¼	38¼	War Ln 3½%	52¼ †	+	6.65	...
36	27	Treas 2½%	36	+	6.87	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136¼	131¼	Treas IL 2% 1994	136¼	...	...	...
204¼	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	204¼	+	0.95	1.85
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	-	1.25	1.88
174¼	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174	+	2.30	2.66
171	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171	+	2.51	2.81
116¼	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	+	2.57	2.85
181¼	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	180	+	2.63	2.85
165	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165	+	2.79	2.98
171	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171	+	2.85	3.03
142	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	142	+	2.87	3.03
153	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	153	+	2.93	3.08
148	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	148	+	2.98	3.11
125	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	125	+	2.97	3.09
124¼	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	124	+	2.99	3.12

Staff from IT companies can be of great assistance to the voluntary sector. **David Guest** on the employees who love to help

The gift of expert knowledge

The job market in computing may be flat, but information technology skills are still in high demand in one unconventionally rewarding sector of the economy — voluntary work. Computer companies and organisations that use IT are showing a growing readiness to give specialist staff time off for voluntary work. In some cases, this stems from the initiative of individuals — in others, it has become company policy. The skills of IT specialists are highly prized in the voluntary sector, where the chief alternative is to employ expensive consultants.

Marco Piantino is the project manager for human resources systems at Grand Metropolitan Information Services (GMIS). During part of his work time, as well as some of his own time, he is also a consultant and programmer for the Hillingdon Association Voluntary Services, a local voluntary association in west London.

The organisation was doing jobs that were either already computerised, in a rough and ready way, or ripe for automation. There was a newsletter, for example, and the association wanted to be able to produce lists of potential donors from a database.

It approached GMIS in late 1992, initially with fund-raising ideas. "Then someone mentioned computer trouble and I put my hand up," says Mr Piantino. "Then I looked at what they wanted to do and realised that their equipment wasn't up to it."

The Hillingdon group was, however, helped to update its system as a result of Mr Piantino's work. GMIS operates a "contributions matching scheme", under which the company estimates the value of a volunteer's work and makes a donation of that amount to the group being helped. The Hillingdon association put its money towards buying a new computer.

The benefits are not all one way. At Hillingdon, Mr Piantino gained experience of Microsoft's Access database, the system now in use there, knowledge that will be of use to GMIS.



Computer staff can of course give help in areas other than computing when they want to work in the voluntary sector. Carole Speed, the community programmes co-ordinator for Sun Microsystems, says: "Some of the projects we have been involved in have been IT-related, but there have been a lot that are not. And those have been the most popular."

Non-IT projects to which Sun staff have contributed include children's parties, decorating old people's homes, restoration of a trout hatchery, Christmas-tree planting and conservation in a park near the company's Surrey headquarters.

"We did use IT skills when we were approached by a local hospice which had to prepare an annual report." Ms Speed says. Sun employs about 300 people in Surrey and at any one time 70 of its staff might be involved in voluntary work.

IBM runs a programme matching people retiring from the company to voluntary posts in Hampshire. The programme was set up at the end of 1992. Seventy retirees have so far registered with the scheme, and half have been placed with voluntary organisations. Some of these, have been at a senior level: for example, IBM has provided a chairman of Mencap.

But IBM points out that in these days of staff cuts and early retirement, its former employees are not always 60 or over. Some ex-IBM people also work as Citizens' Advice Bureaux counsellors and business advisers.

The company also operates a scheme known as the Ten Per Cent Club where, at the manager's discretion, employees can devote 10 per cent of their time to community work. One member of staff worked as an assistant at a school for handicapped children. IBM believes that such experience helps staff morale.

This aspect is especially important, says Amanda Bowman, campaign manager for Business in the Community, which, with Grand Met, sponsors and organises the Employees in the Community Awards — accolades that Sun and IBM have each received.

Ms Bowman says: "Some employees see it as an opportunity to go out and be an ambassador for their companies. Also, with companies adopting flatter structures with fewer levels of management and fewer opportunities for promotion, it gives people a chance to develop through involvement in other areas."

From six entries in 1990, the award scheme has grown to 152 this year. Ms Bowman expects that there will be growing participation from computer companies. Hardware suppliers have always been prepared to donate systems, she says, but now they are more likely to provide training to go with them.

"IT expertise is highly prized," she says. "One of the things we used to hear was that companies would give computer systems to charities but that their helpers didn't know how to use them."

It is also possible that companies seek community work as a means of disguising the decline in the amount of money they have available for charitable giving. The voluntary sector may thus be getting a better deal.

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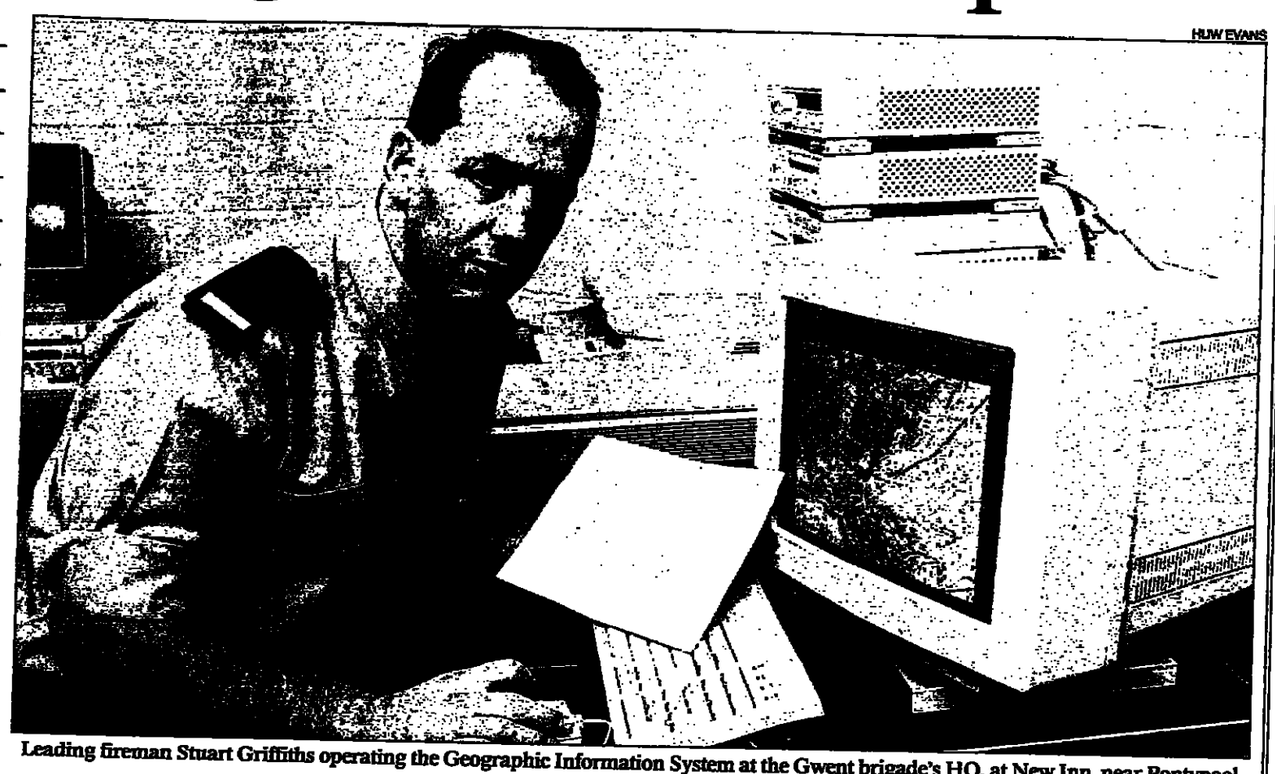
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INFOTECH

Mapping out the hot spots

Clive Couldwell discovers how a computer system is saving vital minutes for a fire brigade responding to emergencies



HUW EVANS

Leading fireman Stuart Griffiths operating the Geographic Information System at the Gwent brigade's HQ, at New Inn, near Pontypool

Every organisation needs to get information in a hurry, but none needs it more quickly than the emergency services. To be effective, a paramedic needs a victim's blood group details, a coastguard has to know about the local weather and tides, and a police officer needs access to criminal records. The fire service is no exception: it needs to know what it is going to find when it gets to an incident. And it needs access to that information instantly.

"When the fire service arrives, there's no time to have a meeting to discuss how to tackle a fire," says Terry Glossop, Gwent Fire Brigade's chief officer. "Whatever decision we make within the first few minutes of the incident will determine whether that incident is going to be tackled successfully or not."

Gwent Fire Brigade is the first branch of the service to use computer technology to make this information available at a fire. It has a Geographic Information System (GIS) — a computerised map on which large quantities of data, not necessarily cartographic, can be overlaid.

Gas companies use GIS to schedule maintenance work on undergound conduits and local authorities use it to monitor traffic flow on their busiest roads. For the fire brigade, "the idea is to get useful information into the computer and let its speed and accuracy provide the firemen with the information they need", Mr Glossop says.

Among other duties, fire brigades are obliged to visit premises to check on fire safety: to log where hazardous materials are stored and to know where the access points and water supplies are. The gathering of this data — known as "1 (1) (d)", from the relevant section of the Fire Services Act, has been a statutory obligation on fire brigades since the big city fires of the Blitz in the Second World War. The difference is that today, there is far more of it.

Not just more buildings, but more kinds of buildings and more kinds of hazardous materials. The fire fighters all need to be familiar with the buildings in their station area.

They also need to be able to pass on that information when a situation requires it. Typically, this happens when a fire is too big for the local station to handle. According to Home Office guidelines, buildings and areas are categorised by risk from "A" to "D". An "A" risk site, such as a hospital, requires two fire engines to arrive at the site within five minutes and a third tender to arrive within eight minutes. Information, including 1 (1) (d), must be available to all the key people on the ground, and especially the officer in charge.

"After collecting the relevant information, we then feed it into the computer system, which ultimately shows a picture of the scene on three levels," Mr Glossop says.

Gwent Fire Brigade uses two identical systems from Sun Microsystems. One sits inside a mobile control unit (MCU), a purpose-built, sound-proofed incident room where senior officers decide how to co-ordinate fire engines. The other system is housed at brigade headquarters.

From the mobile control unit, the officer in charge collates all the information that he requires from the GIS, brigade control and from his fire fighters and others at the scene, and uses it to direct the operation.

> 'The decisions made in the first minutes determine whether a fire is tackled successfully'

Through a graphical user interface, which presents computer information as pictures rather than as complex tables and figures, the system shows a visual picture of the area being dealt with. The first level presents an Ordnance Survey map of the town, or village, where the incident has occured.

"You get an overall picture very quickly of access routes to guide appliances through," Mr Glossop says. The second level drills down to a more detailed street map and not only locates the burning property but also what hazards there are in the immediate vicinity.

For example, if there is a fire at night at a warehouse where there is a danger of exploding chemical drums, the school around the corner and the nearby office block are unlikely to present risks of personal danger because the pupils left at 3.30pm and the office workers went home two hours later. But the neighbouring hospital may have to be evacuated.

"If he doesn't know the area, the senior officer at the fire has a very quick picture of the scene. Senior officers are generally based at headquarters. They don't know the local area as well as those on the ground," Mr Glossop says.

The third level of computer detail magnifies a plan of the premises on fire to show the water supplies, and where and what the hazards are.

"There is already a computer-aided mobilising system at brigade headquarters on which staff receive emergency calls and allocate the appropriate resources. But a computerised repository of all the information we need at a major incident, available there at the scene, provides far greater command and control. It will also improve the safety of fire fighters."

There is, however, a need for information beyond that offered in the basic GIS. The Gwent brigade is developing a system which builds photography into GIS's database, so that fire fighters can identify, for example, a critical valve at a burning chemical plant, or a priceless painting to be salvaged at a country estate.

A video playback facility is also being planned, where an officer would be able to "walk through" footage of the scene. This may be particularly useful, for instance, to study access routes to the remote parts of the local railway: the Severn tunnel, for example, lies within the Gwent Brigade area. "Most importantly, the system should shave precious minutes off the making of decisions," Mr Glossop says.

ON LINE

The nerd factor

JAPAN'S increasingly affluent young are losing their interest in technology and science, posing a threat to industrial progress, according to the Japanese Science and Technology Agency's annual white paper.

Among the young, science and technology is developing a nerds-only image, and is increasingly seen as a subject for the hard-working, unfashionable students, says Yukihiro Hirano, director of the agency's policy research division.

Young Japanese, brought up on video games and at home with computers, enjoy using modern technology, he says, but this is a passive interest different from having a curiosity to learn how things work.

End of the line

YOU may not be able to impress anyone with old PC technology but it can often still do the job and is now very cheap. In its time, for example, the Amstrad PCW8512 was a huge success as a dedicated word processing system. Now it is on offer for the bargain price of £234, including printer, from Brands Direct (0800 881100).

Child specific

MICROSOFT, which is targeting the consumer market as its next big area of growth, has announced its first software specifically for children. The company is to begin selling two programs for children aged eight to 12 for word processing and drawing. The packages, which will each cost around £40, come without manuals but include animated characters who provide tips on writing and drawing.

Beam me down

THE European Commission says it wants to extend existing telecommunications legislation to satellites, allowing private operators to offer satellite-based services in all EC countries in competition with national operators. The legislation would abolish restrictions on the provision of satellite earth equipment and services over satellite business networks.

Equipment suppliers would be free to offer their products direct to consumers, the commission says. The legislation could be in place by the end of 1994.

Direct sell

CUT-THROAT competition in the price of PCs has led to machines being increasingly sold direct from manufacturers, cutting out the middleman. Now even computer companies such as the German firm Siemens Nixdorf are selling direct. Long recognised as providing quality equipment, but at a cost, Siemens says its latest PC prices rival those of firms such as Compaq.

Games crash

MORE than 1,100 original computer games failed to find a buyer at Christie's last week. The single lot had been expected to fetch between £10,000 and £12,000 at the London sale. The collection included Infocom's Zork I, The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy and other early games.

Eric Doyle, an expert on computer games, says: "Many old personal computers have been superseded and if you no longer have a compatible machine the game is useless. It is not like collecting old toys, or records."

50 million mark

SONY'S Digital Audio Disc Corporation in Indiana has just produced its fifty millionth CD-rom disc. "Five years ago, there were only 200 CD-rom titles available. Today, there are more than 3,700, and forecasts predict a total of 6,000 titles by the end of 1994," says Olaf Olafsson, president of Sony Electronic Publishing.

CD-rom drives are becoming popular in newer PCs and could become the standard in the next generation of video game machines, such as 3DO's interactive game player.



Dr Behrooz Rashidzadeh, of Scientific Generics, is seeking a solution to Hungary's telecommunication difficulties

Hungary gets all DECT out

A British firm is leading Eastern Europe's latest revolution

In Eastern Europe, there is another revolution going on: in telecommunications. With an efficient telephone system now seen as a prerequisite for creating successful business environments, many former communist states are upgrading their notoriously unreliable telecommunications facilities as quickly as possible.

But instead of spending billions of pounds and several years digging up thousands of miles of streets in order to install conventional telecommunication cables, the Eastern Europeans want a simpler solution and have turned to a British firm. Its task? To find the quickest way to give Eastern Europe a 21st century communications system.

Scientific Generics is a Cambridge-based technology consultancy that is leading a team testing new types of cordless phone systems, assessing the feasibility of DECT, the Digital Cordless Telecommunication Standard. DECT is a system where small base stations are erected in neighbourhoods, which communicate via radio waves with miniature receivers in households or with individual handsets, therefore avoiding the need for local cabling.

With this in mind, Dr Behrooz Rashidzadeh, Scientific Generics' project manager, has been trying to replicate the street plans of Hungary in Cambridge and north London to provide a test bed for the new system. This means finding similar types of residential blocks, a small industrial site, a typical Hungarian high street and other urban and suburban environments.

The new system has impressed the Hungarian Telecommunications Company (HTC). Scientific Generics has secured about £400,000 from the EC for trials, which will take place over the next few months. The company has also co-opted a number of European telecommunication operators and manufacturers into the project, including BT.

They will undertake a variety of scientific and subjective tests of the speech quality of the equipment; calculations to find the maximum distance the handsets can be used away from a base station; and the potential difficulty of the telecommunication signal penetrating thick concrete walls — a common feature in many Hungarian apartments. They will also assess the economic feasibility of establishing a network in a typical Hungarian town.

As there is no existing commercial network in Britain, the consortium has acquired a special licence from the Home Office to use the new and non-licensed telecommunication equipment.

Dr Rashidzadeh says that the trial will allow the group to asses a variety of set ups. These include having individual mini receiving stations placed on the roofs of every home or business. This has the advantage that each receiving station could be up to one to two kilometres from the main base station. Individual homes and offices could still each have several handsets which could be inter-connected.

One other possibility is to use more powerful DECT handsets which would communicate directly with the neighbourhood base station. Thus, every user could make and receive calls anywhere within a 200-metre radius of the base station.

Dr Rashidzadeh argues that DECT is a much less complex technology for small-scale residential and business purposes than the GSM cellular telecommunication systems that are being introduced throughout Europe, with the idea that mobile phone owners will be able to use their handsets anywhere across the Continent.

Additionally, he says, DECT handsets have a greater in-built intelligence. Specifically, this means they can choose between 60 channels to provide the user with the clearest reception, a facility which is not available on GSM handsets. DECT can also accommodate faxes and ISDN lines.

At present, the main drawback with this system is the price. The cost of a mini receiving station and a single handset is estimated to be between £200 to £300, a large expenditure for a low-income family in Eastern Europe. However, prices should drop once demand increases.

Once the British trials are completed early next year, the system will be demonstrated in Hungary. After that, Dr Rashidzadeh is hopeful that a commercial system could be in place within the next few years.

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Public interest immunity defeats dismissal claim

Balfour v Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment December 9]

Although a court was obliged to be vigilant to ensure that a claim of public interest immunity should only be raised in appropriate circumstances and with sufficient particularity, where an appropriate certificate, signed by a secretary of state, claiming immunity from disclosure of material on the ground of national security was before the court it should not exercise its right to inspect that material.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of Andrew Balfour from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Knox, Mr A. Ferry and Mr K. Hack) (*The Times* February 9; [1993] ICR 663) of his appeal from the refusal by a chairman of a London industrial tribunal in January 1992 of his application for disclosure of documents in relation to his claim that his employers, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, had dismissed him unfairly.

Mr Robin Allen and Mr Anthony Bradley for Mr Balfour; Mr Christopher Katkowski for the Foreign Office.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant, who began his career in 1969, was posted to Dubai as vice-consul and visa officer in 1986.

There he dealt with a man called Ansari, providing him in 1989 with the number of a bank account in the name of the appellant's brother-in-law in the United Kingdom. He issued Ansari with a visa in April 1989 and in May, Ansari transferred £5,000 into the account.

After disciplinary proceedings began against the appellant, the disciplinary board in September 1990 found that offences contrary to Diplomatic Service Regulations had been committed, and his dismissal was recommended. His appeal to the appeal board failed.

In the course of submission of written material to the industrial tribunal the Foreign Office observed that Mr Balfour had included certain material of a secret nature in his arguments, the disclosure of which it alleged was contrary to the public interest and would be resisted.

In amended grounds of application, the appellant contended that the United Kingdom Security Services requested him to maintain contact with Ansari and that the transfer of the £5,000 was a legitimate business transaction between Ansari and his brother-in-law.

Three certificates, two signed by the Foreign Secretary and one by the Home Secretary, were issued on different dates claiming public interest immunity and objecting to the production of any evidence, documentary or otherwise, about the organisation of the Security and Intelligence Services, their theatres of operation or their methods. Express reference was made to foreign powers and terrorist organisations and the threat to national security of disclosure.

In his basic submission that the court should direct the industrial tribunal to inspect the material so that the tribunal could thereafter rule on its admissibility, Mr Allen referred to a large number of authorities.

The court, taking *Duncan v Cammell Laird & Co Ltd* ([1942] AC 624, 642-643) as its starting point, and considering *Conway v Rimmer* ([1968] AC 910, 940C-F, 951E-952F, 954G-955B, 955G-956A), said that the latter decision was a landmark case and the speeches of the House of Lords in it when applied to the present case disposed of the appeal.

The House of Lords in a different context reinforced those views in *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374, 402B-E, 412E-F).

Mr Allen invited the court to depart from those *dicta*, contending that in the society in which we now lived the time was ripe for a more open approach when issues of national security were raised by the appropriate ministers.

The court's view was that, even if it was not constrained by authority, that was contrary to principle and to good sense. The court had not abdicated its responsibility in the present case, but it had recognised the constraints placed on it by the terms of the certificates issued by the executive.

The importance of the present case to the appellant was recognised, but the uninhibited prosecution of his claim for unfair dismissal could not prevail.

Solicitors: Mr John Wadham; Treasury Solicitor.

Foreseeability test for pollution liability

Cambridge Water Company v Eastern Counties Leather

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lowry and Lord Woolf

[Speeches December 9]

Foreseeability of harm or injury of the type complained of was a prerequisite of the recovery of damages under the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* ((1868) LR 3 HL 330).

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the defendant, Eastern Counties Leather plc, against a decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Nolan) (*The Times* December 29, 1992) which in allowing the appeal of the plaintiff, Cambridge Water Company, against a decision in favour of Eastern Counties by Mr Justice Ian Kennedy (*The Times* October 23, 1991) who had held that Eastern Counties was strictly liable in damages for contamination of water available for abstraction at Cambridge Water's borehole at Sawston Mill near Cambridge.

Mr Philip Vallance, QC and Mr David Hart for Eastern Counties; Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Lawrence West for Cambridge Water.

LORD GOFF said that the contamination was caused by a solvent known as perchloroethene (PCE) used by Eastern Counties in the process of degreasing pelts at its tanning works about 1.3 miles away from Cambridge Water's borehole, the PCE having seeped into the ground beneath Eastern Counties' works and thence having been conveyed in percolating water in the direction of the borehole.

The spillage of PCE and its seepage into the ground beneath the floor of the tannery occurred during a period which ended in 1976 as a result of regular spillages of small quantities of PCE onto the floor of Eastern Counties' tannery.

The escape of dissolved phase PCE, from the pools of neat PCE which collected at or towards the base of the chalk aquifers beneath Eastern Counties' works, into the chalk aquifers under the adjoining land and thence in the direction of Sawston Mill, must have begun at some unspecified date well before 1976 and be still continuing to the present day.

The seepage of the PCE beneath the floor of Eastern Counties's works down into the chalk aquifers below was not foreseeable by a reasonable supervisor employed by Eastern Counties, nor was it foreseeable by him that detectable quantities of PCE would be found down-catchment so that he could not have foreseen in or before 1976 that the repeated spillage would lead to any environmental hazard or damage.

The water so contaminated at Sawston Mill had never been held to be dangerous to health, but, under criteria laid down in UK regulations (SI 1989 No 1147) the water so contaminated was not wholesome and could not lawfully be supplied as drinking water.

The judge dismissed the claims against Eastern Counties in nuisance and negligence because he held Eastern Counties could not reasonably have foreseen the damage and dismissed the claim based on the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* because he held that the relevant operations of Eastern Counties constituted natural use of the land.

There was no appeal against the judge's findings in negligence and nuisance. Cambridge Water pursued its appeal to the Court of Appeal relying only on the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher*. The Court of Appeal allowed Cambridge Water's appeal on the ground that Eastern Counties was strictly liable for the contamination of the water percolating under Cambridge Water's land on the authority of *Ballard v Tomlinson* ((1885) 29 Ch D 115).

As his Lordship read the judgments in *Ballard v Tomlinson* they did not conclude that a defendant could be held liable for damage which he could not reasonably have foreseen, as the point had not arisen in the case.

Quite apart from the indications to be derived from the judgment of Mr Justice Blackburn in *Rylands v Fletcher* ((1866) LR 1 Exch 265, 279-280) itself, the historical connection with the law of nuisance had now to be regarded as pointing towards the conclusion that foreseeability of damage was a prerequisite of the recovery of damages under the rule. Mr Justice Blackburn himself did not regard his statement of principle as having broken new ground.

Accordingly, since following the observations of Lord Reid in *The Wagon Mound (No 2)* ([1967] 1 AC 617, 640) the recovery of damages in private nuisance depended on foreseeability by the defendant of the relevant type of damage, it would appear logical to extend the same requirement to liability under the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher*.

Even so, the question could not be considered solely as a matter of history. It could be argued that the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* should not be regarded simply as an extension of the law of nuisance, but should rather be treated as a developing principle of strict liability for damage caused by ultra-hazardous operations, on the basis of which persons conducting such operations might properly be held strictly liable for the extraordinary risk to others involved in such operations.

However, there were serious obstacles in the way of the development of the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* in that way.

First of all, if it was so to develop, it should logically apply to liability to all persons suffering injury by reasons of ultra-hazardous operations; but the decision in *Read v J Lyons & Co Ltd* ([1947] AC 156), which established that there could be no liability under the rule except in circumstances where the injury had been caused by an escape from land under the control of the defendant, had effectively precluded any such development.

Even so, there was much to be said for the view that the courts should not be proceeding down the path of developing such a general theory. In paragraphs 14-16 of the *Report of the Law Commission on Civil Liability for Dangerous Things and Activities* (Law Com No 32) 1970 the Law Commission expressed serious misgivings about the adoption of any test for the application of strict liability involving a general concept of "especially dangerous" or "ultra-hazardous" activity, having regard to the uncertainties and practical difficulties of its application.

If the Law Commission was unwilling to consider statutory reform on that basis it had to follow that judges should, if anything, be even more reluctant to proceed down that path.

His Lordship was inclined to the opinion that, as a general rule, it was more appropriate for strict liability in respect of operations of high risk to be imposed by Parliament than by the courts. The relevant activities could then be identified and those concerned could know where they stood. Furthermore, statute could, where appropriate, lay down precise criteria establishing the incidence and scope of such liability.

It was of particular relevance that the present case was concerned with environmental pollution. The protection and preservation of the environment was now perceived as being of crucial importance for the future of mankind and public bodies were taking significant steps towards the establishment of legislation which would promote the protection of the environment and make the polluter pay for damage to the environment for which he was responsible.

But it did not follow from those developments that a common law principle such as the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* should be developed or rendered more strict to provide for liability in respect of such pollution.

On the contrary, given that so much well informed and carefully structured legislation was now being put in place for the purpose, there was less need for the courts to develop a common law principle to achieve the same end and indeed it might well be undesirable that they should do so.

Having regard to those considerations and in particular to the steps which the House had already taken in *Read v Lyons* to contain the scope of liability under the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* it appeared to be appropriate now to take the view that foreseeability of damage of the relevant type should be regarded as a pre-requisite of liability in damages under the rule.

Such a conclusion could be derived from Mr Justice Blackburn's original statement of the law and there was no good reason why that pre-requisite should not be recognised under the rule as it had been in the case of private nuisance.

In particular *West v Bristol Tramways Co* ([1908] 2 KB 14) and *Rainham Chemical Works Ltd v Belvedere Fish Guano Co* ([1921] 2 AC 465) did not provide any strong pointer towards a contrary conclusion. It would, moreover, lead to a more coherent body of common law principles if the rule were to be regarded essentially as an extension of the law of nuisance to cases of isolated escapes from land, even though the rule as established was not limited to escapes which were in fact isolated.

On the facts of the present case nobody at Eastern Counties could reasonably have foreseen the resultant damage which occurred at Cambridge Water's borehole.

However, pools of neat PCE were still in existence at the base of the chalk aquifer beneath Eastern Counties's premises and the escape of dissolved phase PCE from Eastern Counties' land was continuing to the present day.

On that basis it could be argued that, since it had become known that PCE, if it escaped, was capable of causing damage then Eastern Counties should be held liable in nuisance or under the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* in respect of continuing escape of PCE from its land occurring at any time after such damage had become foreseeable by Eastern Counties.

That argument was not well founded. The PCE had so travelled down through the drift and the chalk aquifer beneath Eastern Counties's premises that it had passed beyond the control of Eastern Counties.

To impose strict liability on Eastern Counties in those circumstances under either nuisance or the rule in *Rylands v Fletcher* on the ground that it had subsequently become reasonably foreseeable that the PCE might, if it escaped, cause damage, appeared to go beyond the scope of the regimes imposed under either of the two related heads of liability.

Fortunately, it was not necessary for the purposes of the present case to attempt any redefinition of the concept of natural or ordinary use. His Lordship was satisfied that the storage of chemicals in substantial quantities and their use in the manner employed on Eastern Counties' premises could not be within the natural user exception to the rule.

Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey, Lord Lowry and Lord Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Berrymans; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

Evidence in mixed statement

Regina v Downes
Regina v Rawlinson

A mixed statement, which was partly incriminating and partly exculpatory, was to be regarded as evidence, although it did not have the same weight as evidence given upon oath.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice McCullough and Sir Gervase Sheldon) so stated on October 14 in dismissing an appeal by Lesley Rawlinson and refusing an application for leave to appeal by Ian Peter Downes against their convictions at Norwich Crown Court (Mr Justice Kennedy and a jury) in March 1992 of murder.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that in summary form a proper direction about the accuseds' statements to the police would have been:

"The jury should regard everything they have heard on oath from the witness box and everything said by the accused to others, including the police, as evidence in this case which they could consider when reaching their verdict. But they should not attach equal weight to sworn evidence, which was given in their presence and tested in cross-examination, to what was said out of court."

The jury would then have had to be given the usual direction about the defendant's right not to give evidence and the consequences of it, and also how they should regard the relevant parts of the mixed statements, attaching more weight to the incriminating than the exculpatory parts.

Magistrate cannot hear evidence in extradition case

Regina v Governor of Brixton Prison and Another, Ex parte Evans

Before Lord Justice Roch and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment November 26]

In committal proceedings under the Extradition Act 1989 and the European Convention on Extradition Order (SI 1990 No 1507) a magistrate was not entitled to admit evidence on behalf of the person whose extradition was sought.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an application for *habeas corpus* by Terrence Evans, who was committed to custody on March 11 by the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate to await his return to Sweden on four charges of theft and one charge of failing to keep company accounting records.

Section 9 of the 1989 Act provides: "(4) Where — (a) the extradition request is made by a foreign state: and (b) an Order in Council . . . is in force in relation to that state, there is no need to furnish the court of committal with evidence sufficient to warrant the trial of the arrested person if the extradition crime had taken place within the jurisdiction of the court."

Mr James Lewis for the applicant; Mr Paul Garlick for Sweden and the Governor of Brixton Prison.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant had sought his discharge from the committal order on the ground that the magistrate's ruling that he was not entitled to call evidence with regard to Swedish law was wrong in law.

The purpose of the evidence which the applicant had wished to call was to lay the foundation for a submission that the facts relied upon by the Swedish authorities did not amount to breaches of Swedish criminal law.

Mr Lewis had pointed out, and Mr Garlick had conceded that he was correct in that, that the practice under the Extradition Act 1870 had been for the magistrate to hear evidence if the person arrested wished to give or call such evidence.

Mr Garlick's submission was that the 1989 Act in conjunction with the 1990 Order had brought fundamental changes in the extradition procedures, particularly in the function of the committal court.

The manifestation of Parliament's intention was discernable in section 9(4) of the 1989 Act. Permitting the person claimed to call evidence would frustrate the intention of Parliament that evidence in the traditional sense should no longer be required, because it would become necessary for the requesting state, in the light of evidence given or called by the person arrested, to seek an adjournment so as to call evidence in rebuttal.

The purposes of acceding to the Convention and introducing legislation both primary and secondary to implement its terms was that the contracting parties accepted that the courts of the other contracting state would provide a fair trial for the person claimed, both with regard to the resolution of issues of fact and with regard to the proper application of the law of the requesting state.

In his Lordship's judgment, the function of the committal court in Convention cases was now confined to the following matters:

1 Consideration whether the details of the conduct of the person claimed, set out in the supporting documents and the request, amounted to an extradition crime, that was to say disclosed conduct in the territory of the foreign state which, if it occurred in the United Kingdom, would constitute an offence here. The magistrate, knowing the criminal law of England and Wales, was the appropriate person to determine that matter.

2 The magistrate had to be satisfied that the offence would be punishable here with a term of 12 months imprisonment or some greater punishment.

3 The final matter on which the magistrate had to be satisfied was that under the foreign law the conduct would be punishable by 12 months imprisonment or some greater penalty. To perform that task the magistrate would have the legal description of the conduct alleged, a reference to the relevant legal provisions and a copy of the relevant enactments where that was possible or if that was not possible a statement of the relevant law.

In a Convention case, if the magistrate admitted evidence on behalf of the person claimed he would be embarking on an examination of the sufficiency of the evidence and would be acting beyond his powers.

Solicitors: Reynolds Dawson; CPS, Headquarters.

Balancing interests in adjournments

Regina v Kingston upon Thames Justices, Ex parte Martin

A defendant who applied to a magistrates' court for the adjournment of a properly constituted hearing should be alive to the convenience of his opponent and the interest of the court in the timely despatch of business.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Buckley) so stated held on October 13 dismissing an *ex parte* application by way of judicial review by Peter Martin against the decision of the Kingston upon Thames Justices to uphold a claim in civil debt brought against him.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that whether or not an adjournment should be granted to any of the parties in a matter properly brought before a magistrates' court, and whether fairness so demanded that an adjournment be granted such that a refusal to grant it would lead to judicial review, depended on the following factors:

The importance of the proceedings, and the likely adverse consequences on the party seeking adjournment; the risk that the applicant would be prejudiced if an adjournment were refused; the risk of prejudice to his opponent if the adjournment were granted; the convenience of the court and the interests of justice in ensuring the efficient despatch of business so as not to delay other future litigants; and the extent to which the applicant had been responsible for the circumstances leading to the requirement for an adjournment.

Whether doctor is approved

Regina v Trent Regional Health Authority, Ex parte Somaratne

In deciding whether a registered medical practitioner was "approved" under section 12(2) of the Mental Health Act 1983 to make medical recommendations to admit a patient to a mental hospital, the Secretary of State for Health, or his delegate, was entitled to have regard to the fitness of the particular practitioner for the task in hand: so that his "special experience in the diagnosis or treatment of mental disorder" was not the sole regard.

Mr Justice Potts so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 9 dismissing the application of Henry Benedict Anton Somaratne for an order of *certiorari* to quash the refusal by Trent Regional Health Authority on July 12 to approve him under section 12(2) of the 1983 Act.

MR JUSTICE POTTS said that section 12 did not identify or limit the matters the secretary of state, or his delegate, had to have regard to. Nevertheless, the quality of advice in the recommendations supplied by the practitioner was of crucial importance as it concerned the liberty of the subject.

His Lordship accepted that "special experience" in section 12(2) did no more than provide a minimum threshold required before the secretary of state approved a practitioner.

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Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, not later than 12 noon on 15 December 1993.
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By Order of the Board
Ross Philip Hook
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FCPA of 4, Chartershouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 29th day of November 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. LEIGHTON
DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Park Place Credit Limited
Registered Number: 01585840
Trading Name(s): Park Place Credit Limited
Nature of business: Finance and management of Hire Purchase agreements
Trade classification: 38
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 3 December 1993
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Midland Bank plc
Administrative Receiver/Joint Administrative Receiver: M D Cerke 2360 & A J Barrett 1095
Address(es): Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX

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and
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Dated: 1 December 1993
L A Manning
Joint Administrative Receiver

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Mr P Shashaani
Director
Date: 28 November 1993

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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Solicitors for the above-named company

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Park Place Finance Limited
Registered Number: 01778876
Trading Name(s): Park Place Finance Limited
Nature of business: Acts as a holding company
Trade classification: 38
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 3 December 1993
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Midland Bank plc
Administrative Receiver/Joint Administrative Receivers: M D Cerke 2360 & A J Barrett 1095
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DATED THIS 16th NOVEMBER 1993
Peter S Dunn FCA
Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Park Place Leasing Limited
Registered Number: 01358684
Trading Name(s): Park Place Leasing Limited
Nature of business: Finance and management of Hire Purchase agreements
Trade classification: 38
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 3 December 1993
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Midland Bank plc
Administrative Receiver/Joint Administrative Receivers: M D Cerke 2360 & A J Barrett 1095
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Michael Bolton, the pop star who isn't afraid to show he cares; it's what his music is all about



Six ways to crack a Christmas nut

Look around British theatres tonight and you could be forgiven for thinking that *The Nutcracker* was the only ballet in the world, writes *Debra Craine*. In the Midlands, Birmingham Royal Ballet is well into its annual *Nutcracker* season at the Birmingham Hippodrome; in Nottingham English National Ballet is resident at the Royal Concert Hall; and in London, Adventures in Motion Pictures is offering an alternative *Nutcracker* at Sadler's Wells.

Two visiting Russian companies are also traipsing around the country with *Nutcrackers*: the Perm Ballet at the Derngate in Northampton, Moscow City Ballet at the Grand Opera House in York. Still to come is Covent Garden's contribution, which opens on December 17, and ENB's massive month-long season on the South Bank, which begins on December 22.

Nutcracker has been the popular choice at Christmas for decades, but this year takes the biscuit: well over 100 performances by six different companies in venues around Britain. You can see the attraction: a ballet with a Yuletide theme, filled with familiar tunes, and guaranteed to attract an audience of adults and children alike. You can almost hear the cash registers ringing.

Still, wouldn't it be nice to give the Sugar Plum Fairy a rest at Christmas and turn to a fresh cast of characters for our Christmas cheer? We asked six leading participants in this year's *Nutcracker* binge to help us.



ANTHONY DOWELL

Artistic director, Royal Ballet

"I WAS thinking of something with a Christmas theme, and I know people have done *Christmas Carol* and Scrooge. But if I had an enormous budget and an amazing choreographer I would like to see the Twelve Days of Christmas as a ballet. It's a zany idea, but it was a wonderful film [*On the Twelfth Day*] which Wendy Toye produced in 1955.

"The chaos by the end of the film, with maids a-milking, and lords a-leaping, pipers piping, and swans a-swimming, and geese a-laying all in this room that was getting more and more crowded. It was all rather English and slightly mad and had a sort of appeal. As a ballet I think it would have to be done with tremendous wit, but not too broad. Done absolutely straight and then the chaos at the end could be a fugue-type finale. It would be effect after effect."

FIONA CHADWICK

Principal dancer, Royal Ballet

"I THINK *Fille mal gardée* could be done for Christmas because it's in the panto vein, it's a bit of fun, lighthearted and it sends everybody out of the theatre smiling. *Fille* is a family ballet, really great fun to do, and even though it's summer that doesn't matter, it still has a holiday feeling about it.

"I also think [Wayne Eagling's] *Frankenstein* would have gone down quite well at Christmastime. It's different, unusual, a bit of a showstopper. But there is so much entertainment around at Christmas let's try and get them to come to the ballet. Maybe someone should choreograph a special piece: something more up to date and with a lot of magic. I always thought that *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis would make a wonderful ballet for children, with its magical kingdom of snow and ice, and a wicked queen."

DEREK DEANE

Artistic director, English National Ballet

"I HATE Christmas anyway so I would like to do something absolutely horrible. And if I could do anything I would like to knock down the back wall of the Met in New York and build an incredible Spielberg Hollywood set, and with Spielberg directing I would choreograph ENB in Bram Stoker's *Dracula* with extras the size of *Ben Hur*. Obviously I would have an unlimited budget."

And if he didn't? "Anything by Hans Christian Andersen or Charles Dickens would make wonderful ballets for Christmas. *The Christmas Carol* could be wondrous, theatrical and brilliant. I'd love to do some more Dickens. I like the wealth of his stories, of his characters. There is such variety in Dickens that would make great character work for a company. And I think a rather strange version of *Oliver Twist* could work as a ballet."

SUSAN JAFFE

American guest artist, English National Ballet

"I THINK a fantastic ballet would be Salman Rushdie's *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*. Have you read it? It's so full of fantasy. For children it's wonderful and for adults it's an allegory. It has no Christmas theme but there are two parts of the world in it. One is completely sun all the time, the other is completely dark and cold. It's got a dark side and a light side but it has to be a marriage of the two because you can't have one without the other. It's full of morals. What happens is that the dark people capture the princess on the light side and the light people have to go into the dark side to rescue her.

"In dance terms there is so much to play with, so many parts, so many chances for dances. And it's quite hysterical: it's embarrassing to read in public because you laugh all the time. It's very uplifting and really fun."

PETER WRIGHT

Artistic director, Birmingham Royal Ballet

"I WOULD go for the second half of the Sleeping Beauty fairytale. It's quite a horror story. After the wedding, when the Prince returns to his own kingdom, he dare not tell his mother he is married, even though he and Aurora by now have two children. Then his mother finds out and she is insanely jealous because she has a mother-son complex. She sends a woodcutter out to kill the children and bring their hearts back. Of course they are absolutely adorable children and the woodcutter can't bring himself to kill them so he kills two deer instead. But the mother causes such havoc in the end that finally the Prince pushes her into a snakepit.

"Now there's your adult entertainment for Christmas. People wouldn't know what on earth they were getting. It would have to be quite a send-up, quite wild, not a serious horror thing."

MARION TAIT

Principal dancer, Birmingham Royal Ballet

"ACTUALLY I would keep *Nutcracker*, but nothing like it is now. I have this vision of *Nutcracker* beginning with the traditional cosy Victorian middle-class Christmas but instead of the traditional transformation scene we move 100 years on to the 1980s to look at the same family in the Thatcher years. So in the national dances we visit Spain and Torremolinos; Fritz has become a lager lout and Clara is making whoopee with Spanish waiters. The Oriental dance becomes a shopping spree in Hong Kong and the Arab dance is about drugs in Marrakesh. And Clara sees her ideal woman in the Sugar Plum Fairy, a successful career woman who has everything.

"Then transformation again, and they've lost it all in the 1989 stock market crash and have reverted to the Victorian values of the 1890s. It's a happy ending, I think, because they've come back to family values."

Donma takes critics' award

Yesterday, at ABSA/Arthur Ar son Awards for I ness Sponsorship of the . the first ever *Times* Cr Award was won by Donmar Warehouse. W led us to this choice?

The West End someti seems to have been delibe ly redesigned to delight lo of light music and dep serious theatregoers. Wh for instance, is its counter of those small spaces in w lively drama so often surf these days — the Cotteslo the Pit, the Almeida or Ha stead Theatre?

Until recently, the only r tion to that question wa shrug. Now a highly conv ing answer is to be fo within yards of St Mar Lane: the rebuilt, reope Donmar is surely a theatr pacemaker ensuring that fi blood gets pumped into ageing heart of the West E

This could not have h pened without Carlton T vision, which has given Donmar over half its year's production budget £200,000, as well as the vices of a trainee director. one thing, the theatre rece no public subsidy and, sin has only 251 seats, can hat be expected to survive thro box-office income only. another, all its producti have been commercial ri plays that would have left y average angel making excuses and disappearing hind a passing cloud.

After all, how many in tors would have been attrac by Sondheim's *Assass* whose sardonic celebration presidential killers had pro too troubling even for N York tastes? Not only did Donmar transform it into critical and public success went on pleasantly surpris us afterwards. A revival Brian Friel's *Translations* lowed the British premiere Athol Fugard's reflections dying apartheid, *Playla* Then came a world premi for Michael Frayn's ger philosophical *Here*, a Lond premiere for Simon Donal scabrous *Life of Stuff* a opening only last night, major revival of the musi *Cabaret*.

All told, it has been a m adventurous first year for Donmar and its 28-year- artistic director, Sam Mend Carlton has now renewed commitment for another t years. Could sponsorsi money be better spent?

BENEDIC NIGHTINGAI

THEATRE: Molière comedy in Islington

Timely lesson in innocence

The School for Wives
Almeida

Why does *The School for Wives*, in which an ageing gent brings up a peasant girl for the sole purpose of making her his emotional and sexual slave, seems almost as timely now as it did in Molière's day? Then, it coincided with a fierce debate about a woman's right to be educated and to exercise a veto over her parents' plans for her life. Today, tales of cloning and other such "advances" are to be found alongside reports of Third World children being bred to provide spare organs for sickly westerners. In one way or another, Pygmalion is always with us.

Still, that is to wax a bit heavy about what Jonathan Kent's revival reminds us is a consistently funny play. It is also one that gives Ian McDiarmid an opportunity to demonstrate his talent, still unusual in our theatre, for embodying extremes of delight and rage. He is Arnolphe, a Molière monomaniac who feels the same way about being cuckolded as Harpagon does about losing his lucre. That is why he clapped Agnes in a nunnery when she was four and now keeps her cloistered in his house: "she is like a lump of wax, and I can mould her to whatever shape I like as she grows older."

While McDiarmid's Arnolphe slavers, Emma Fielding's Agnes patiently wilts. But at the play's centre is a joke, and a most satisfying one. It is her very innocence, carefully perpetuated by him, that subverts his plans. Agnes knows nothing of sex, though she vaguely suspects that babies get born through the ears. So why not respond in the conscientious way the nuns taught her when a young man begs for "medicine" for his pain? Why not let him kiss her hand and maybe go a bit further? "Had he asked, you may be sure I'd have done anything to speed his cure," she earnestly tells Arnolphe, simultaneously reassuring and riling him with her naive confidence in his approval.

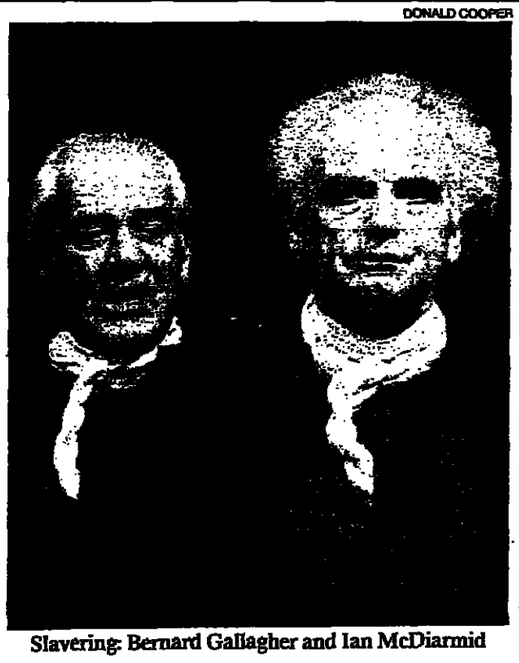
Peter J. Davison's set, centring on the outside of a town-house hemmed in by high, padlocked railings, has its oddities. It gives the impression that the play's more oppressively intimate encounters occur in the street. Its references to the fallen Eve — a Cranach painting visible through the window of Agnes's upstairs prison, an apple tree to the side — seem a bit incongruous. But it makes a satisfactory setting for a production that manages to be deft, unpretentious and pretty well acted.

The pluses include Linal Haft and Carol Macready as two gormless servants and Damian Lewis as a young hero with first-hand passion, as well as Fielding's gently budding Agnes. To watch her smile at the sun as at a long-lost friend, or fade and droop as she recites from a rulebook for wives, is to see a fine actress in the making. But the most complete performance comes from McDiarmid.

His Arnolphe is not an obvious maniac. Rather, he is a genial, normal-seeming chap with one screw that starts loose and ends up turning triple-somersaults in his head. Where there was gleeful self-belief, punctuated by triumphalist scorn for bluestockings, suddenly there are roars of disbelief and dismay, snarls of fury, and frantic displays of what, behind the avarice, may be thwarted tenderness. The Laura Pels Foundation, which sponsored the production, should be proud.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



Slavering: Bernard Gallagher and Ian McDiarmid

OPERA IN MILAN: **Rodney Milnes** on the opening night of the season at La Scala

Vestal's flame burns bright

This year's La Scala opening saw an extremely interesting performance of an equally interesting opera. Spontini's *La Vestale* was premiered in Paris in 1807 under the patronage of the Empress Josephine. It was an enormous sucess, and played all over Europe for half a century and more. *Vestale* is interesting because its roots are firmly in Gluck's reform operas — there is a similar directness of utterance and avoidance of operatic flummery — yet it also bears the seeds of romantic opera. Wagner, Verdi and Berlioz all learnt something from Spontini — the dramatic use of public ceremonial, how to build a succession of scenes into a well-shaped act.

The plot was also influential. Julia, the Vestal of the title, is so occupied with her lover, the Roman general Licinius, that she omits to tend the sacred flame, which goes out. Burial alive is the sentence — the High Priest is obdurate — but divine lightning reignites the flame and she is saved, just to prove that this is a neoclassical opera, and one of the last. How many other chaste-ish priestesses, military lovers and bass priests we meet in 19th-century opera, and the healthy strain of anti-clericalism — *Vestale* is also an opera of the Enlightenment — lasts until late Verdi (*Carlos* and *Aida*).

The interest of this performance lay in its use of a new edition based on the 1805 autograph rather than the hitherto familiar 1807 text. This had some effect on vocal registers. Licinius and his military colleague Cinna are officially tenors, but Spontini was writing before male voices were strictly codified. Spontini's "tenor" roles lie comparatively low, and here both were taken with little apparent adjustment by high baritones. Anthony Michaels-Moore (top Gs no problem) and J. Patrick Raftery.

Chauvinism is unattractive, but my bosom swelled with just a little pride to witness Michaels-Moore enjoying a deservedly successful Scala debut. He alone of the cast sang in crystal clear French (*Vestale*, unlike last year's *Carlos*, was sung in the original language) and he shaped the music with the innate musicianship we in Britain have come to treasure.

The American soprano Karen Huffstodt sang Julia. There is an attractive flutter to her tone that is not too well-suited to the chastely sculpted line of much of her music, but in the second act she has to be a Gluck and Wagner heroine all in one, and one could not but admire the spirit with which she successfully assaulted the task.

Denyce Graves, next month's eagerly awaited Covent Garden Carmen, sang the Grand Vestal with fruity, firm mezzo tone, and Dimitri Kavrakos, thundered [illegible] ingly as the High Priest. The one disappointment was Riccardo Muti's conducting. He went for a big, fat romantic sound, emphasising *Vestale*'s influence rather than its neo-classical roots, and tended to hustle the score along rather than let it unfold naturally. Much of the piece's craggy grandeur and chaste serenity went missing.

The producer Lilia Cavani set the opera firmly the Napoleonic era: in the fi act it looked as if we we about to get the whole David's Coronation of Jo phine on stage (money is object in Milan). It all look very handsome, and utter different from the last Sca *Vestale*, Visconti's staging f Callas in 1954.

All the ballet was include which is good news; the b news is that there was attempt to make it fit t period: it was just post-Petij classical lingua franca, a performed with enervath flamboyance.

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LONDON

MESSIAEN The final two performances of the commemorative series are true celebrations of the French composer's genius. *Harawi*, a great song cycle of love and death, is performed by Lucy Shelton, soprano, and John Constable, piano. Later in the evening, the London Sinfonietta under Elgar Howarth presents *Des Canyons aux Etoiles*, Messiaen's cycle of meditations on the majesty of God.
St Giles Church, Cripplegate. Tonight, 6pm. And at the Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). 7.30pm.

SHERRILL MILNES. A day of masterclasses for young professional singers from the distinguished baritone should provide an eye-opener for those who have ever wondered "just how do they do that?". And on Saturday afternoon Milnes will be in conversation with Bernard Levin.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Sunday, 2.30 and 7.30pm
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, WC1 (071-387 9629). Saturday, 2pm.

PETER AND THE WOLF: Steven Isserlis joins Mark Elder and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields for a musical extravaganza: Rossini (Overture, *The Italian Girl in Algiers*); Prokofiev (*Peter and the Wolf*); Tchaikovsky (*Rococo Variations*), and Haydn (Symphony No 90).
Blackheath Concert Halls, Lee Road, SE3 (081-463 0100). Tonight, 8pm.

☐ BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: Panto time again. Described as "indescribably anarchic" and likely to be so with Ken Campbell directing the excellent Kate McKenzie and the alarming Chris Lynam in the leads.
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun 6pm. Until Dec 23.

☐ THE BFG: Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his now annual seasonally festive call on London.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm; Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm; Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

▣ CAROUSEL: Tuneful and cleverly sweet Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

☐ THE GOOD-NATUR'D MAN: This Christmas production means that both Goldsmith comedies are playing in the metropolis. This is the earlier and the plot creates a right tangle.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat 4pm. Til Jan 29.

☐ LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION: John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm.

■ MACBETH: First night of previews for Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell as the hell-hound and his dam in Adrian Noble's new production.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. Opens Dec 16, 7pm.

▣ MEDEA: Jonathan Kent directs the magnificent Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: The drama of the Russian landscape should be conjured up when Barry Wordsworth and the Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra perform Mussorgsky (*A Night on Bare Mountain*); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D, Op 35, with Anthony Marwood); and Glazunov (Ballet, *The Season*, Op 67).
Dome, 29 New Road (0273 674357) Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

DUNFERMLINE: Detouring from this weekend's musical theme, David Hockney, Six Fairy Tales from the *Brothers Grimm* opens tomorrow. The show is a series of etchings to warm the hearts of young and old alike.
District Museum, Viewfield Terrace, KY12 7HY (0383 721814). From tomorrow until Jan 8. Hours: Mon-Sat, 11am-5pm. Closed Dec 25-28 and Jan 1-4, inclusive.

GLASGOW: The first of this season's celebrity recitals hosted by Scottish Opera is from the Russian baritone Sergei Leiferkus. His chosen programme includes a series of stirring songs by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000)

MANCHESTER: The young French conductor Claire Gibault and the Hallé Orchestra repeat their programme of fairytales, magic and wit from earlier this week on Sunday evening. The performance includes pieces from Dukas, Saint-Saëns, Ravel and Bizet. With John Leslie as the guest narrator.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712). Sunday, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Alphonse Mucha/Bill Brandt, to Dec 12 (071-638 4141) ... British Museum: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... Festival Hall: Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) ... National Portrait Gallery: The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) ... National Gallery: The Wilton Diptych (071-839 3321) ... Royal Academy of Arts: Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum, American Art in the 20th Century (071-439 7438) ... Serpentine: Richard Wentworth (071-402 6075) ... Tate: Writing on the Wall: women artists; Ben Nicholson/Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008) ... V & A: Gates of Mystery: Russian icons; 150 Years of the Christmas Card (071-938 8500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
▣ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm; mats Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ MOONLIGHT: Ian Holm and Anna Massey in Pinter's play of a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, raging against his approaching death.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ NIGHT AFTER NIGHT: Neil Bartlett's witty recreation of the backstage life and assumptions of the 1950s musicals. Spirited and intelligent.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm.

▣ OLEANNA: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

▣ ONE MAN: Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*; *Actor*; and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

▣ PIAF: Peter Hall directs Elaine Paige in Pam Gems' portrait of the great French Chanteuse.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118) Previewing, 8pm. Opens Dec 13, 7pm

☐ THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES: Ian McDiarmid stars as Arnolphe and Emma Fielding his ward Agnes, in a strong cast in Molière's affecting comedy.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex star in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

▣ WILDEST DREAMS: Alan Ayckbourn's first play at the RSC, a happy band of fantasy-game addicts get a scarier time than they bargained for.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight-Mon, 7.15pm. Opens Dec 14, 7pm.

LONG RUNNERS

▣ Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ▣ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ... ■ Crazy for You: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ Don't Dress for Dinner: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ Grease: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ☐ Hot Stuff: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ■ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ▣ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ Sunset Boulevard: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ Travels With My Aunt: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ▣ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES (PG): A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston; Barry Sonnenfeld directs.
Empire (071-497 9999) MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen/Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

AMERICAN HEART (15): Father and son hit the Seattle streets. Well-meaning social drama from director Martin Bell; with Jeff Bridges and Edward Furlong.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

THE SECRET ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB (12): Dreary, unpleasant pixilated fantasy from the bolexbrothers animation studio in Bristol. Director, Dave Borthwick.
ICA (071-930 3647)

TOKYO STORY (U): Yasujiro Ozu's wonderful, tender classic of 1953 about an ageing couple's family visit. Part of a two-week season of Ozu films.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

CURRENT

◆ ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Barbican (071-638 8891) MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426-915683) Marble Arch (0426 914501) Swiss Cottage (0426 914098) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ DEMOLITION MAN (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Marco Brambilla's satirical, overblown action romp.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332) Warner (071-437 4343)

THE HAWK (15): Is Helen Mirren's husband Lancashire's serial killer? Modest but powerful domestic thriller, from director David Hayman.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Warner (071-437 4343)

◆ THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast (Nick Stahl). Queasy drama with something to say from director-star Mel Gibson.
Barbican (071-638 8891) MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426-914666) Swiss Cottage (0426 914098) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-437 4343) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

NAKED (18): Mike Leigh's excellent, uncomfortable Cannes prizewinner about London's lost souls, with David Thewlis as the amoral drifter who hits the pavements.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

◆ THE PIANO (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumiere (071-836 0691) MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Renoir (071-837 8402) Screen/Baker (071-935 2772) Screen/Hill (071-435 3366) Warner (071-437 4343) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER (12): Is a beat poet's latest flame a serial killer? Foolish but breezy vehicle for "Wayne's World" star Mike Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Swiss Cottage (0426 914098) West End (0426-915574)

Why image beats out talent

Caitlin Moran takes a disapproving view of the importance of being glamorous



If you start playing that marvellous boardgame, Being A Rock Star, you are given a small plastic counter in the shape of an iron-dog Fender Stratocaster; a Get Into Jail on Minor Drugs Charges card; and two dice — one marked "Talent", and the other marked "Image". You get to throw each one once, to determine your standing in each category. Lucky people will score two sixes. However, some players chuck away the first dice, as it's *ruining* the line of their trousers.

In times of recession, we look to our pop stars to jazz things up a little. Pretty boy-girl things draped in glittery boas, and teetering around in shoes built to cripple, are more fun to look at than endless graphs pointing down, and pie charts all coloured in black. This is why so many soap stars release records — they know how to make spending 17 hours freezing in a bikini during a video shoot look *fun*. They know how to fake glamour, and they're used to having their eyebrows ripped out by sadistic makeup women. Hell, they're pros. Their eyes won't even water.

However, the ability to wear a six-inch pout and still mime to playback is severely over-rated. It has devalued the music business to such an extent that pop stars now get too old to appear in their own videos. Tina Turner, the Bee Gees, Aerosmith and Phil Collins are all artists who have recently only played cameo roles in their own, extremely expensive, videos — while younger actors and models frolicked on beaches, threw their clothes around with abandon, and argued silently as Phil or Tina or Barry sang on a television in the corner.

But these people still have Images — Tina Turner will be wearing micro-dresses and staggering around like an anaesthetised cart-horse until she is 106. What happens if you score a veritable 12 in Talent, but have no Image at all?

Mark Eitzel, from San Francisco's American Music Club, is possibly the most critically acclaimed singer-songwriter in the world today. Voted Songwriter of the Year by *Rolling Stone* magazine in 1992, he has seen each of his albums greeted by a thesaurus of applicable adverbs and names. Music journalists tend to break down into tears at his gigs, and his lyrics are the kind of twistedly bright schemes of genius that only Bob Dylan has mined before him.

However, Eitzel has no image. He's just this balding guy with sweet brown eyes who knows how hearts bleed. He can't dance, he hasn't anything to pout with, and he can't even mime very well. While music journalists weep into their notebooks at his albums, video directors have hysterics as Eitzel slumps in a chair and asks if they have to bother with all this "stuff" and can he go home as he's just thought of a song ..?

However, there are bands who got lucky and chalked up a six in both departments. Pop saviours Suede, a quartet of frenzied genius, draped around in lace and silk, and topped with unfeasibly girly hair, also got the Bonus Dice: Gift of the Gab. They can spout perfect copy until closing time — they'll even give the spelling on tricky words. When the time comes for Suede to take cameo roles in their own videos, the actors and models will look slightly *drab* compared to the real thing.

New pop saviours, Pulp, have Style Consultants from another planet. Possibly from another solar system. Singer Jarvis Cocker looks like a sexually frustrated praying mantis — with a body made out of coathangers and a face that looks like a repressed DSS counter clerk. Cocker is home to anything made from an artificial fibre, and dances like an epileptic kung-fu expert. With each song sounding like a cheap box of chocolates, or bright tin-foil wrapping and peanut brittle tunes, Pulp will save 1994 from boredom. And clothes that fit properly.

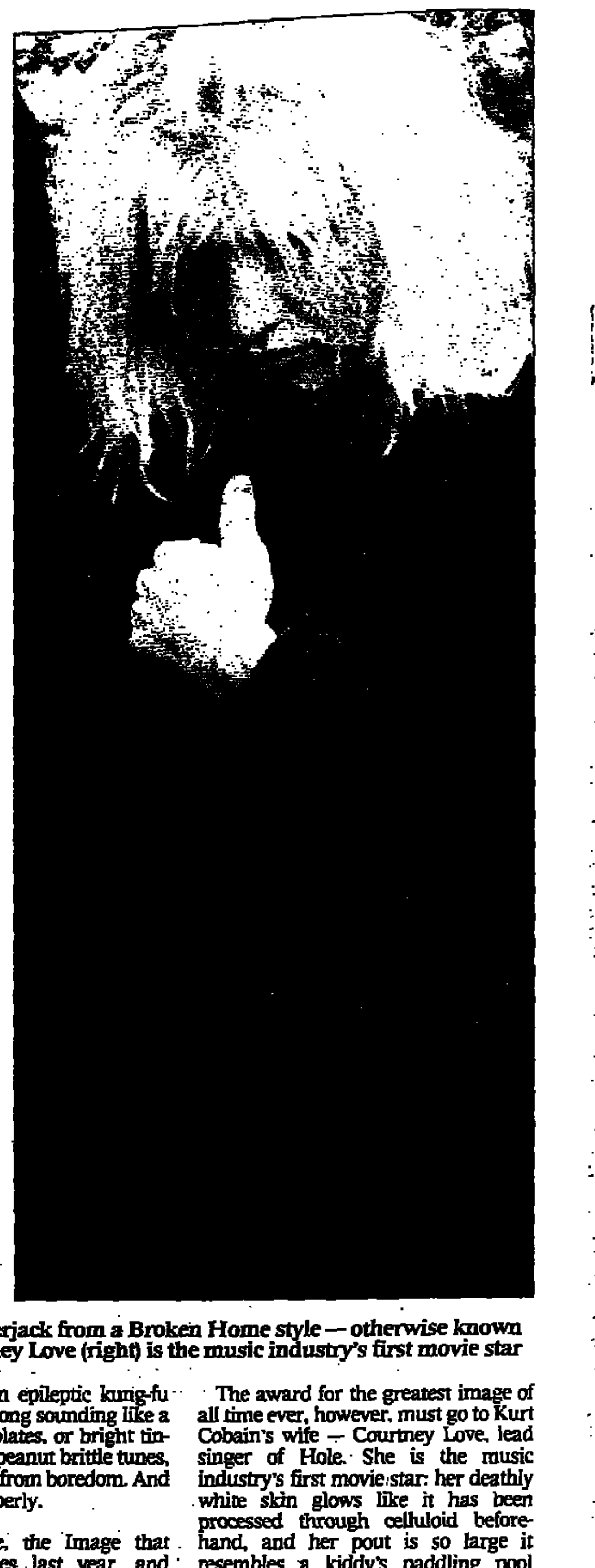
Of course, the Image that dominates last year, and bought several music people large multi-view complexes in Malibu, was Nirvana person Kurt Cobain's Distressed Lumberjack from a Broken Home style — otherwise known as grunge — which was copied by several other bands (Pearl Jam, stand up, go home and change into your *normal* clothes, please) and hijacked by the media as a new fashion trend. What the fashion industry didn't realise is that people under the age of 25 have *always* worn ripped jeans, long skirts, ratty T-shirts and jumpers that look like an unfortunate accident with a plate of spaghetti; and that no one over the age of 25 would touch grunge with the pointy end of a Versace handbag. The day of the fashion section three-page grunge spread may be over, but the kids on the street still look the same ... gloriously unironed.

The award for the greatest image of all time ever, however, must go to Kurt Cobain's wife — Courtney Love, lead singer of Hole. She is the music industry's first movie star: her deathly white skin glows like it has been processed through celluloid beforehand, and her pout is so large it resembles a kiddy's paddling pool doubled over on itself.

When she makes her grand entrance on stage, shivering inside a ripped white dress and buckle-up black patent leather shoes, complete with ankle socks, Courtney looks like a Good Girl who got into a bar room brawl, won, and converted to the Dark Side. Her lime-green eyes have stared out from a million magazine covers, bottle blonde hair tangled like a hurricane ran through the middle of it. And with the clicking of a thousand cameras, Courtney has fallen prey to another trap of the Being A Rock Star game: her Image is easier to market than her amazingly visceral talent, and it will be very difficult for her to be thought of as anything but That Blonde, who sometimes plays guitar.

I don't like this game any more. Scrabble, anyone?





Husband and wife: Kurt Cobain's Distressed Lumberjack from a Broken Home style — otherwise known as grunge — was hijacked as a fashion trend; Courtney Love (right) is the music industry's first movie star

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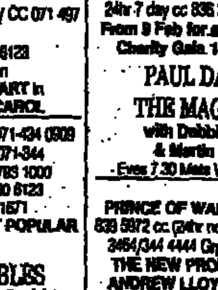
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POP ON FRIDAY: Michael Bolton gives the new man a good name ... Spin Doctors go live ... The Immortals rave o

Goldilocks and the soul bared

The most sensitive of singer-songwriters, a woman's man in a very real and caring way, a Barry Manilow for the 1990s — that's your Michael Bolton. Alan Jackson is charmed

Leafing through the booklet that comes with *The One Thing*, Michael Bolton's latest CD. I happen upon the number to his Hotline. Irresistible. Callers are offered a series of choices — you can access information about concerts and merchandising — but I go for the top option, a personal message from the man himself.

The big news is that Bolton speaks like he sings, in a manner aching with feeling. He wants to let me know that he appreciates the support I've given him throughout his career, that he really values my letting him know the way individual songs of his have touched my life ... Blushing, I hang up. It is like eavesdropping on an 0898 fantasy for the starstruck.

> 'I hope to be able to look back on a career that is the equivalent of Babe Ruth's'

Meeting him at the Dorchester the following day, it becomes clear that sincerity is a strong suit with 40-year-old Bolton. We have met once before, briefly, and he remembers where and when. "How's life been treating you, Alan?" he asks, shaking my hand warmly. "It really is good to see you again."

Not very British, this — we're more comfortable with pop stars who are bashful or condescending — and symptomatic, perhaps, of what some people distrust about his image. But solicitousness appears to be not a convenient pose but a way of life for the American singer and writer. He cares and is comfortable about showing it: it's what his music is all about.

A typical Bolton song is centred around a sensitive-guy approach to life or love, but is transformed into something chest-beating and truly epic through its heroic arrangement and Gale Force Ten delivery. The title is likely to suggest some big emotional issues — "How Am I Supposed To Live Without You?", say, or *I Said I Loved You ... But I Lied* — while its consummate craftsmanship will show an innate understanding of what makes a good ballad work (tension, drama, the invocation of sympathy). The result is a success story of Grammy-winning, chart-topping proportions, a potent cocktail of Brill Building knowhow and vocal bravado with worldwide public appeal.

But what of the man behind the microphone? What of the Herculean good looks, the distinctive, near-Chippendale haircut, the Mount Rushmore-like bone structure? These represent the maraschino cherry, the sugar-frosted rim, the little paper parasol bobbing in the glass. These are the elements that have turned him into a major league heart-throb. "I have a tremendous connection with women," he admits. "I speak with them at length wherever and whenever I can. I play reporter or detective to find out the issues in their lives. And the things they'll share with me ... Sometimes they say: 'I can't believe I've just told you that.' But it's because they sense they can trust me."

So many women feel they can trust him that the last time I saw Bolton play a stadium date in London the venue's management felt impelled to turn most of the gents' toilets into ladies' for the evening. The small proportion of men who were in attendance had the slightly defeated expression more often worn by husbands at a Barry Manilow concert. I recall much squealing and shouting from the hen-party element, calls for the singer's jacket, shirt and even trousers to be removed — *now*!

Bolton listens to this reminiscence patiently, but is happier on higher ground. "I tend to feel that women are generally victims, and are treated as second-class citizens in life," he says gravely.

With this in mind, he initiated and now funds a foundation in his name to help victims of physical and emotional violence. He is personally active too in an impressively extensive range of other charitable endeavours — it is as if, having realised how something as simple as a song can be a life-support system for a given individual at a given time, he now wants to get as close as he can to the root of their problems. "I feel I have an obligation born out of my experience of meeting people who've been affected by my music in certain ways," he says. "And they're very specific about those ways when they talk to me. It keeps me on my toes, reminds me of what I have to live up to."



DENZIL McNEELANCE

"I have a tremendous connection with women," Michael Bolton says. "I speak with them at length wherever and whenever I can"

When I suggest that a more cynical performer might gauge which topics strike the deepest chord with his audience and then write accordingly — an endless number of songs about makin' it thru', for example, as with mid-period Manilow — he becomes suddenly stern. "I'm not sure cynical would be the right word for that. Clinical? Or even calculated? Whatever, there's no room in my music for such negative traits. I see them as personality flaws. There's too much hardship in most people's lives to take such an approach."

Which is why his lyrics work, of course. A cynical or clinical or calculated performer would end up exploiting his audience, mocking them for their weakness. Bolton writes and sings as a man who has been there, and does not discount the possibility of finding himself there again. It works every time.

"My first priority is always to have great songs," he says of the recording process. "You've got your hands full there to start with — but I've no intention of delivering an album with just one great track on it. And the idea is to assemble the sort of lyrics that people are going to be able to relate to at various stages of their lives. I can only do that with any conviction if I'm speaking from a position of personal experience. It takes intelligence and wisdom then to put together an LP that is going to have a long life." That upwards of nine million record buyers a time buy into the Bolton worldview speaks for itself.

In the past, his skill in articulating feelings that women in particular can relate to led such artists as Barbra Streisand, Cher and Laura Brannigan to cover his songs (now he sells more records than any of them, so is liable to keep his best compositions to himself) and fooled some detractors into thinking him a softy. But Bolton was brought up in a jock-orientated household, and is well-versed in the principles of competitive play.

As a recreational athlete who regularly pounds the tennis court with celebrity pals like André Agassi and Vitas Gerulaitis, he knows how to pace himself for the long run. Time, he believes, will render irrelevant the often cruel words of his critics. "My statistics will speak for themselves," he says, in the same intimate tones paraded on the phone-in line a day earlier. "I hope one day to be able to look back on a career that is the musical equivalent of Babe Ruth's. I've affected millions and millions of people's lives positively. That's an ongoing and gratifying fact that's very meaningful to me."

Tall talk, his detractors would say, but Bolton knows differently. "The fans who embrace my music as something beyond just entertainment have created another dimension to my life," he maintains, sage of the suffering, the man who listens to women and then translates their experiences into a power ballad. "My career is now about a whole lot more than just singing."

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Now that rave is over bar shouting (an activity, of course, that is central to the genre) the music will have to stand on its own four feet unsupported by bloodcurdling panic pieces in the tabloid newspapers.

But what have we here? In a last flush of enthusiasm, perhaps, The Immortals have produced an absolute classic of thuggish yelling, crowd noises and rabble-rousing sequencer loops entitled "Mortal Kombat".

The record would be easy to dismiss, were it not recorded as a glorification of *Mortal Kombat*, the beat-'em-up computer console game.

Reviewed by bright young novelists, advertised by a footballer known to favour the physical over the philosophical, *Mortal Kombat* has taken on all comers in the leisure and entertainment field and soundly thrashed the lot.

As the pre-Christmas advertising campaign gloatingly informs us, *Mortal Kombat* took more money (£15 million in the UK) during the first week of its release than the extravagantly promoted *Jurassic Park*.

Does this mean that established formats such as music and cinema have reached the dinosaur phase? More pressingly for the Immortals, can console game success be transferred to record buyers?

The Immortals are described as albino twins from Oslo whose previous singles have "devastated the Laplan snowboarding scene". A news story fit to rank with "Shop opens late in Croydon", this sounds rather dangerous, although perhaps not as dangerous as prolonged exposure to the music they make.

They are battling for chart supremacy with the equally loud and obvious Messiah, a band whose painfully dated rave and rock formula is finding some success.

Those who seek quality from such records, however, would be better advised to listen to G.T.O.'s "Tip of the Iceberg" or even the Grace Jones collaboration with Sheep On Drugs, "Sex Drive".

DAVID TOOP

NEW RELEASES: Want to hear what a hit band sounded like when no one knew them?

Doctors graduate with honours

SPINDOCTORS
Homebelly Groove
(Epic 72896)
LIVE albums these days rarely reveal anything more than an act's ability to canter through its best-known songs without making mistakes, and live albums by bands with only one studio album to their name seem an especially superfluous sort of indulgence.

With *Homebelly Groove*, Spin Doctors have pushed their luck even further. Three of these recordings — "Sweet Widow", "Stepped On A Crack" and "Yo Mama's A Pajama" — were included in identical form as "bonus" tracks on the European edition of their six million-selling debut, *Pocket Full Of Kryptonite*.

Most of the other tracks are simply live versions of songs we have already loved to death on *Kryptonite*, although "Two Princes", their first big hit, is conspicuous by its absence. And, to cap it all, these are not even recent performances; some of them date back to September 1990, before the band even had a recording contract.

On paper, then, it's a disaster. And yet *Homebelly Groove* is still an entertaining album, if only for the highly unusual combination of technical expertise and flat-out fun. In previous decades any band capable of playing as well as this would have made that expertise a principal feature of its appeal; indeed, some of the wilder passages of extemporisation, in "Sweet Widow" for example, recall the free-fall complexity that became Cream's calling card in the 1960s.

And yet the humour in Chris Barron's vocals and the underlying discipline which binds the set together as a whole is the mark of a group for whom technique is genuinely a means to an end. It's a heady concoction, but this is still a collection which should be approached with caution.

THE OTHER TWO
The Other Two & You
(CentreDate/London 520028)
THE Other Two are New Order's drummer Stephen Morris and keyboard player Gillian Gilbert — the Darby and Joan of dance-rock — and basically their debut album sounds like New Order with the drums and keyboards shoved up a bit in the mix. Although the reedy voice of Barney Sumner is replaced by Gilbert's tentative tones, and the tracks are written by the Other Two, they have tended to stick with the tried and tested rather than take advantage of their freedom.

With Morris sounding uncannily like a drum machine throughout and Gilbert supplying everything else bar a scrap of backing vocals and one acoustic guitar contribution, they balance conventional pop numbers like "Movin' On" and "Selfish" — where they could be the missing link between the Human League and the Pet Shop Boys — with more raver-friendly material like "Ninth Configuration" and the mildly ambient "Night Voice".

Co-produced by Stephen Hague (also New Order's producer), this is a cosy collection, the sound of electro as it might be preferred in the leafy lanes of the suburbs rather than amid the shuffle and bump of the dancefloor.

THE VERLAINES
Way Out Where
(Slash/London 828 388)
AN up-and-coming band from New Zealand, the Verlaines share certain superficial characteristics with that country's most successful rock music export, Crowded House. There are four of them, they clearly have a talent for turning out literate, hard-hitting pop tunes and they have no interest in acting or playing beneath themselves.

But while the finely crafted music and words of Crowded House have a broadly accessible resonance, the Verlaines tend to trip over the unnecessarily complicated song structures and florid lyrics of singer and guitarist Graeme Downes, a man who comes to the business of writing pop tunes equipped with a PhD on the music of Gustav Mahler.

"Mission Of Love" and "I Stare Out" open the album with a rush of energy, but without sounding either heavy or too hard. The lyrics are less immediately appealing, their rather bombastic qualities conjuring an unfortunate image of Donald Sinden in full flight: "Imbibe your wine / Entwirl, encoil, entwine / While fraud engorges all / The poor who fall short."

Even the gentler songs labour under the weight of their overblown lyrical pretensions, but there are some beautiful touches to "Cathedrals Under The Sea", and the album has an alert, feisty quality that bodes well for the future.

CHRIS SMITHER
Happier Blue
Flying Fish/Demon FIEND 739)
CHRIS Smither is an American singer with an authentically roughened voice, and also a nimble picker of an acoustic guitar in a highly evolved country-blues vein. Although his song "Mail Order Mystics" was the standout track on John Mayall's last album, *Wake Up Call*, he is not an especially prolific writer, and thus spends as much time bending other people's songs into unfamiliar shapes as he does showcasing his own work on *Happier Blue*.

Among the numbers to come in for a thorough remodelling are John Hiatt's "Memphis In The Meantime", which Smither turns into a bizarre cut-time country rag, singing the melody against the rhythmic grain in a way that recalls Bob Dylan at his scattiest. He takes similarly adventurous liberties with Lowell George's "Rock 'n' Roll Doctor" which he somehow speeds up by a factor of four without losing the plot.

Smither is playing tonight at the Troubadour Coffee House in Earls Court (071-370 1434) and it sounds as if the joint will be jumping.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Bat Out Of Hell II — Back Into Hell	Meat Loaf (Virgin)
2	So Far So Good	Bryan Adams (A&M)
3	Everything Changes	Take That (RCA)
4	Both Sides	Phil Collins (Virgin)
5	One Woman — The Ultimate Collection	Diana Ross (EMI)
6	Duets	Elton John (Rocket)
7	The One Thing	Michael Bolton (Columbia)
8	So Close	Dina Carroll (A&M)
9	Music Box	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
10	Experience The Divine	Bette Midler (Atlantic)

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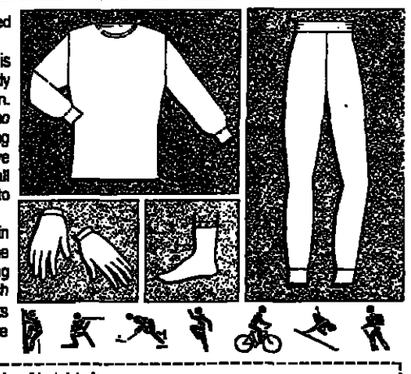
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AUTOMOTIVE COMPONENTS

Hard times, but suppliers are building new markets

Just as the British car market shows the first tentative signs of recovery, new-car sales throughout Western Europe have gone into free-fall, even tougher times are forecast, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Sales in continental Europe are down 15 per cent overall this year and analysts agree they will fall faster, and further. Britain's automotive components suppliers, with an annual turnover of £14.7 billion, send £3 billion-worth abroad each year as direct exports. How will the UK industry cope with these shrinking export markets?

New products, such as long-life clutches, a revolutionary hydraulic cable, and an automated clutch and transmission system, are being vigorously promoted, while home markets are being developed and new ones explored, including Poland, China and the Far East. "Where we cannot manufacture, we will license," says Peter Crawford, chief executive of BBA group's automotive division.

Triplex, the window and windscreen maker, hopes to win business with Honda, the third Japanese transplant in Britain, on top of links with Toyota and Nissan, and boost productivity through investment and slimming the workforce.

Despite a collapse in commercial vehicle production, down 28 per cent in western Europe, GKN's first-half figures showed total sales up £129 million above 1992 at £1,387 million, though profit is slightly down. Sir David Lees, GKN chairman, reports that sales to North America and Spain have partially offset the shortfalls in continental Europe, together with sales to Honda and Toyota's new UK operations.

In the next three years, sales to Europe's car plants could increase by more than £1 billion, and increased vehicle production is the UK would generate more sales. Ford already spends £2.6 billion and Rover £2.3 billion. As a result, the component sector in the UK is set to reinforce its position as a crucial element in UK manufacturing.

The survival of Britain's car industry depends on the unsung manufacturers in the backroom. **Kevin Eason** reports

Key role as innovators

They form one of the biggest manufacturing sectors in Britain yet few become the isehold names that even most informed could ognise.

Component manufacturers appropriately at this time of r — are known as the derellas of the motor instry, the unsung and generly unknown firms which rk in the heat of the kitchen the motor industry. Unlike derella, few have ever naged to climb the stairs to to the ball.

But now component manufacturers are coming out of the kchrooms and into the spotht to be seen as one of the st important contributors the British economy. Their al role as innovators, deners and manufacturers ll be a key to the survival of itish car makers and the g-term health of the European motor industry.

The UK automotive components industry is one of the gest and fastest growing in world with sales of £14.7 lion a year — 4.6 per cent of UK's total manufacturing tput. Three in every 100 rkers in manufacturing in itain are in a component-king business.

The most up-to-date study the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders estiates that component makers port directly about £3 bilon-worth of parts every year. t that figure does not inde export of major components, such as engines, which car makers themselves port.

Most business is with Brit- and Continental manufacturers with about £9 billion of equipment supplied within the European Community. But the most adventurous companies are spreading far and wide to Japan, America and Korea.

The fact that they are beating worldwide competition is a tribute to their growing reputation. The payback for their ambition will be even more export orders.

The SMMT study expects British component factories to sell an extra £1 billion-worth of parts to Europe's motor industry alone over the next three years.

Even the most prestigious manufacturers, such as Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz, have turned their attention to the UK where the shakeouts of two recessions have left a much smaller but vigorous and determined industry with low wage costs and high productivity.

Volkswagen is doubling component spending in Britain to £400 million annually while Ford of Germany is spending almost £550 million a year in Britain, about 16 per cent of its annual component spend.

But the biggest boost for the industry has come from the introduction of the Japanese car manufacturers to the UK: three companies — Toyota, Honda and Nissan — offering £1.5 billion of component contracts. The lion's share of the components contracts has gone to UK companies, which have proved themselves willing to adapt from their old inefficient ways.

Car makers are becoming ever more demanding of their suppliers.

It is not just quality that they want but ideas. They need to save money constantly on every part down to the smallest washer but they also want suppliers to come up with the components of the future.

In its report on the British automotive components industry, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says research and development spending totalled £150 million in 1991-92. Seventy per cent of that was accounted for by the six biggest companies and even then was only 1.2 per cent of the industry's turnover.

The best companies achieved 2.5 per cent of turnover, but that compares with research and development investment of 6 per cent by German automotive component companies and 3.5 per cent by the French.

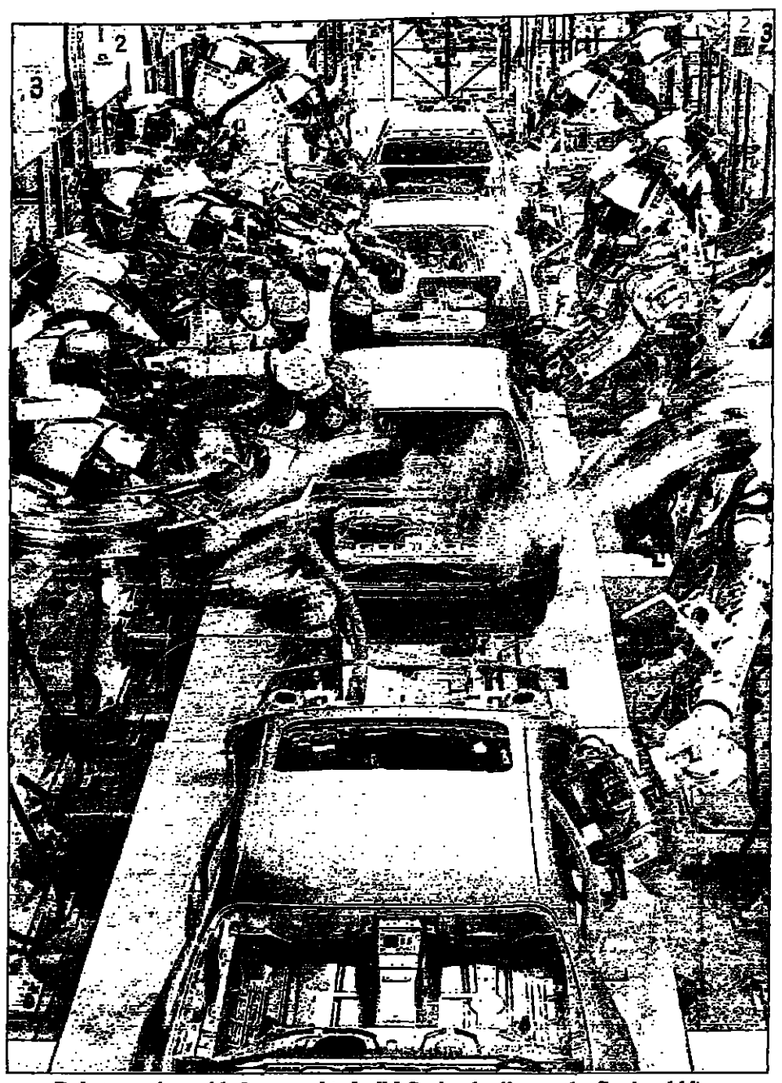
The problem is that the bulk of investment in R&D is restricted to the top rank of suppliers.

Professor Dan Jones, author of the SMMT report, says: "It is no good having component industry leaders working at top efficiency and establishing new relationships with the car builders if the jigsaw is not complete further down."

British automotive components makers have stolen an admirable lead from their competitors in a tough market hit heavily by recession. But their job is not over and if they want to remain in the front rank of world suppliers, there is much more investment to be made, and new products to be developed.



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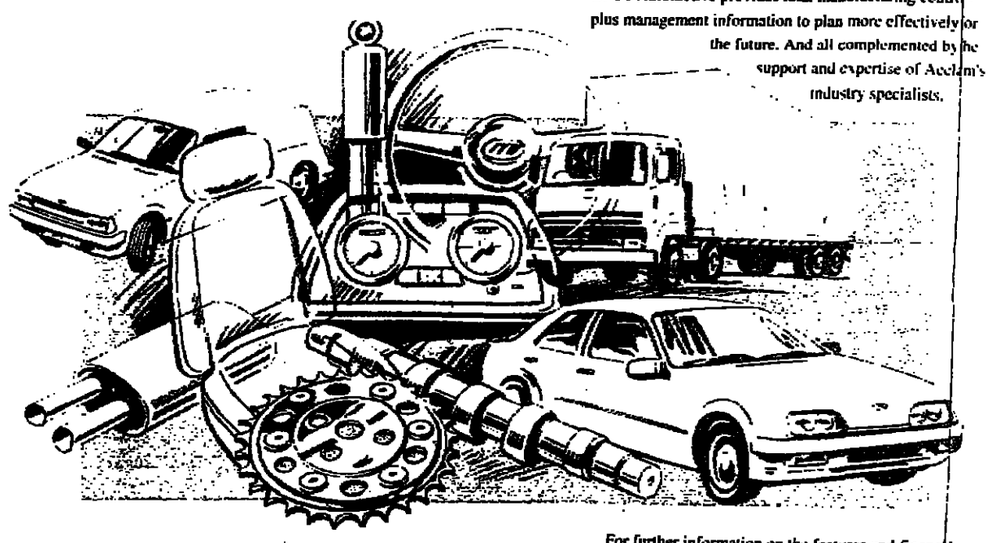
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Lucas shines its light around the world

The Far East is a growth area for the British company, writes Vaughan Freeman

Lucas Industries expects no relief from the slump of new car sales in Western Europe until 1995 at the earliest, so it is committed to long and short-term strategies, not only to survive, but to prosper.

By winning new contracts, especially for diesel systems such as those for the new and highly acclaimed Mercedes C Class saloon, and Volvo FH12 high-volume truck, Lucas increased its sales in the automotive sector to £1.601 million during the financial year 1992-93, against £1.466 million the year before.

Despite this 4 per cent increase in sales in the face of production cutbacks by big continental European original equipment customers, Ken Maciver, Lucas Automotive's managing director, is under no illusions: "The UK market has seen growth for us with the build-up of production of new models, such as the Ford Mondeo, the Japanese transplants and the launch of the Rover 600.

"We have seen positive things on the UK production scene, but it is the only one to have grown year-on-year in Europe. Car sales have fallen by 15 per cent in Western Europe this year, and it started with particular force in Germany, a large market, particularly for our braking division.

"We've had exposure to the full effects of the market, which has been very painful. It has been very encouraging for us to be able to declare an increased profit at such a time.

"We have a strong position on some of the newer models, which will lead to growth in market share, like the Mercedes. And in car diesel, which is continuing to grow through the recession, we had a major programme to improve competitiveness over a three-year period, which was well in place before the recession. We also took short-term action to reduce costs in places like Germany, where we reduced the employment level.

"Longer term, our programmes are much more fundamental, involving great changes in our manufacturing processes and to our supply base. For example in braking, that will involve halving the number of suppliers we have and building our relationships with suppliers we know can achieve the lowest costs in the long term."

One way to check currency swings, which hit planning and materials costs, has been to change the emphasis of Lucas plants in France, Germany, Spain and Britain. In the Czech Republic, Lucas has a joint venture with VAG, one of the first of its kind, at Mlada Boleslav, to supply rear-axle units for the Skoda Favorit.

The strategic decision to increase involvement in Eastern Europe, which dates back to licensing agreements with the former Comecon bloc countries, opens the door for Lucas to the potential for vehicle sales there, as well as a highly useful platform from which to supply Western Europe.

Lucas is making the most of growth in America. Lucas Sumitomo this year won a $30 million a year contract to supply brakes for the 1994 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable.

Mr Maciver says: "Western Europe is a mature market, but there are larger growth opportunities in undeveloped markets and those such as the United States, where Lucas has had a limited presence."

In the Far East, Lucas is making the most of long-standing relationships with Japanese brake manufacturers. Last month the company announced an agreement to enable Lucas brake parts to be made locally for vehicles built in Nanjing and Jiangsu.

"The big area for growth is, of course, China, where we are looking for further opportunities, generally working with some of our existing partners in the Far East," Mr Maciver says.

"We take a fairly global and long-term view. We are not simply waiting for the recession to end. Some of our operations are very efficient, but that is not universal and there is, in my view, undoubtedly a performance gap not just with the Far East but also with North America in some areas."

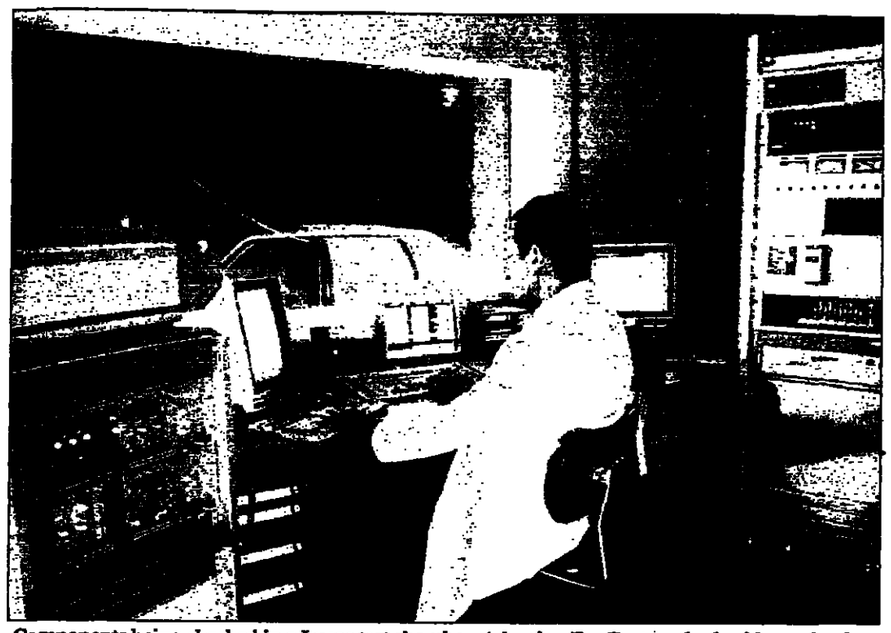
To close that gap, Lucas is drawing on the expertise of its Far East and Japanese partners such as Sumitomo Electrical. Lucas constantly benchmarks its operations against its understanding of Japanese best practice, and where a performance gap is spotted, manufacturing processes are redesigned.

Not only Lucas benefits from the determination to adopt best manufacturing practice. The company has an in-house operation, Lucas Engineering and Systems, used internally but which also sells its expertise to outside customers, to improve performance and productivity.

Mr Maciver says: "The idea is not new, but you have to keep moving or the gap will grow. We must not only stop it growing but close it."

Speaking of Far East competition, he says: "There is no mystery to it, they do not have four hands, they just have well-organised production. There is no reason whatsoever why we cannot achieve the same thing, particularly where there is a favourable economic environment, and a free and flexible labour market, such as in the UK."

As for the future, he says: "This is a very harsh industry at the best of times. We are confident, yes, but you have got to be very wary of complacency. Our plan is not to assume any early end to the recession in Western Europe, and my view is certainly that overall we will not see significant improvements before the end of 1994."



Components being checked in a Lucas test chamber. Adopting Far East methods aids production

Wales sets pace in technology

One of the smallest new Welsh firms has secured a business coup



Inside an Audi engine: aluminium bodies are next

The work of a Welsh David has enabled the car Goliath, VW/Audi, to turn a futuristic all-aluminium concept car into the German company's latest luxury saloon, due to go on sale next year, *writes Vaughan Freeman.*

The Welsh firm Henrob, at Flint, has secured the latest business coup in a long line of successes by Britain's automotive components industry.

Henrob, with 30 or so employees, is one of the smallest of the 150 or so automotive component concerns to have set up in Wales over the past decade, although its VW/Audi link-up means expansion is fast approaching.

VW/Audi settled on aluminium in the 1980s as the material for its future luxury saloons, to help escape the weight penalty of having to fit ever-heavier safety and environmental equipment to steel cars. The German manufacturer then began its hunt for an alternative to the traditional manufacturing technique of spot-welding, which is unsuitable for aluminium.

It chose a modified form of the self-piercing riveting, which Henrob sells around the world. Since 80 per cent of Henrob's output is exported, its products can be seen holding together sports stadiums in Canada, washing machines in Iran, snow shovels in the Arctic, and road-signs, wheelbarrows and truck body panels elsewhere.

Now the Flint-based firm, which set up in Wales seven years ago with a £500,000 grant from the Welsh Office, is preparing for a 40 per cent growth in turnover this year

Keith Jones, Henrob's managing director, says: "We came to Audi's attention through our German distributors. Audi realised spot-welding was not very reliable for what they wanted to do and liked what we were doing."

The Henrob tale sums up the high-skill, low-labour industry of automotive components which flourishes in Wales. Mr Jones says: "Three-quarters of our staff hold engineering certificates, 20 per cent are graduates: there is an entrepreneurial feel about the place."

The £100 million Bosch plant, at Miskin, near Cardiff, which builds alternators, also exports 80 per cent of its production annually. From a standing start in 1991, the Bosch plant will be building 5 million alternators a year by 1995-96 with a workforce of 1,200.

It is the first time Bosch has manufactured in Britain. Peter Loweth, of Bosch, says there were several reasons for picking South Wales: "There was the resurgence of the indigenous UK motor industry, as well as the arrival of the Japanese manufacturers, and we needed a base near our customers."

Japanese manufacturers have been so impressed with Wales and the British worker that Toyota was recently able to announce it had begun exports of major engine components, worth £5 million a year, from its factory in North Wales — to Japan. The Deeside plant, which primarily supplies engines for Toyota's Burnaston car plant, will supply sets of cylinder blocks and crankshafts, shipped at 3,000 a month, to the Toyota Shimoyama engine plant in Japan, for cars being built for America, Japan, and other markets.

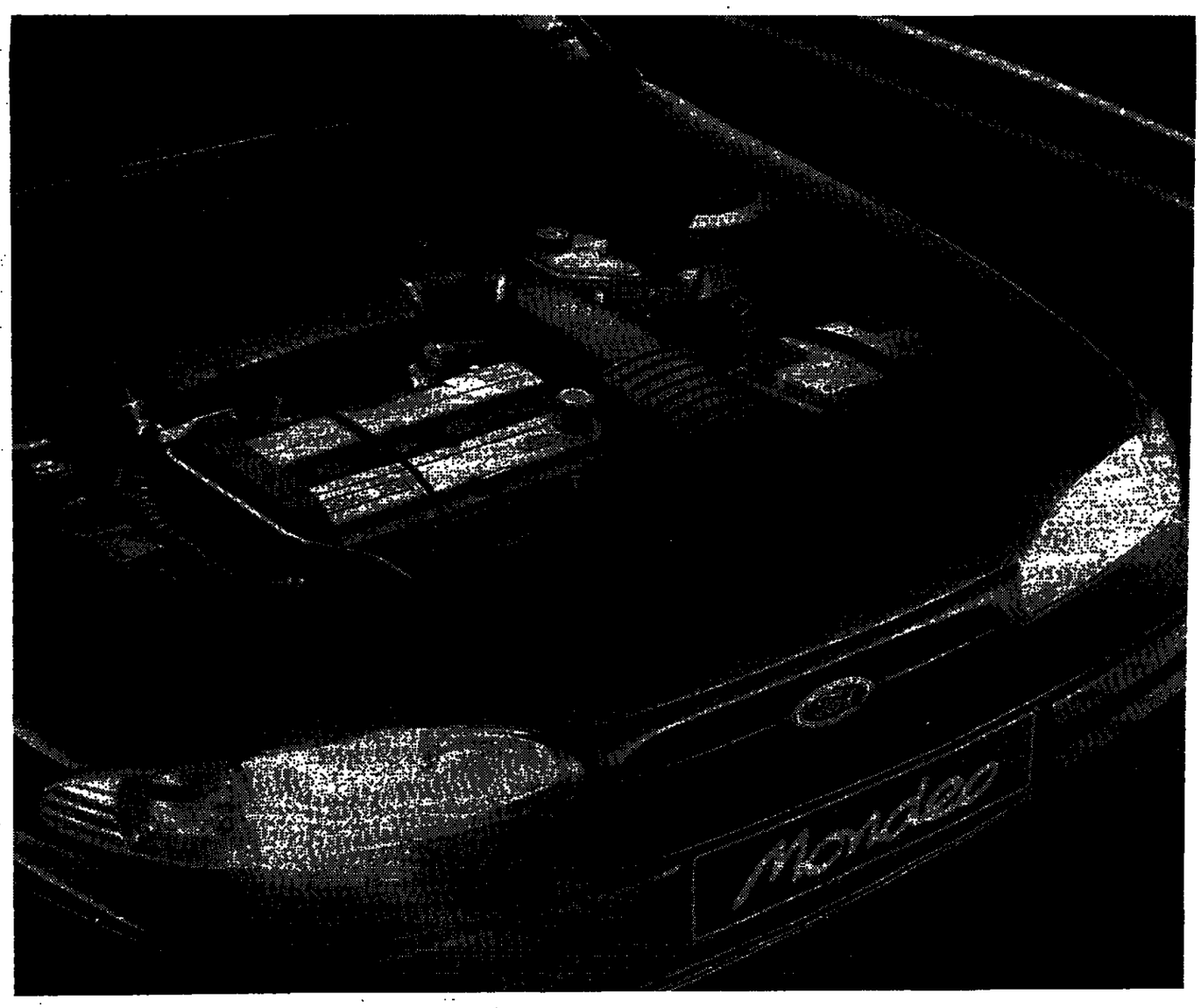
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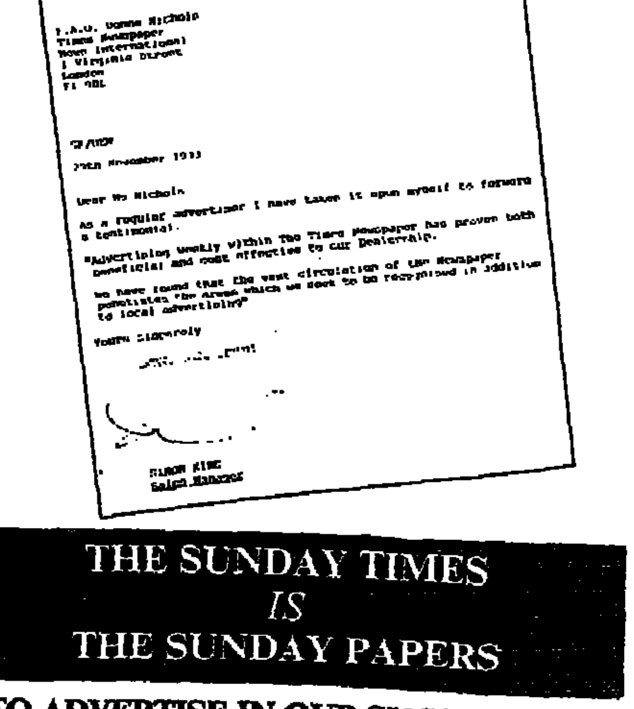
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Ups and downs of four-wheeling

Vaughan Freeman tests a tough vehicle, and his skills, on a muddy, demanding off-road training course . . .

The most enjoyable, odd-ball present for this, or any other festive season will leave your car caked in a messy wrapping of mud and slime, festooned with the odd piece of bracken. On the strength of soaring four-wheel-drive car sales has grown a holiday market offering adventure breaks for off-road drivers.

For the motorist who has everything — or at least a four-wheel-drive car — such breaks, increasingly popular as gifts, are a chance to play seriously with their automotive toy. The courses provide expert tuition and the opportunity to learn what the vehicle is capable of.

If you fancy tearing along a privately-owned Scottish beach, teetering a ton and a half of off-roader on a giant see-saw, or, more usefully, learning to cope with inclines, trenches, map-reading and night-driving, such events turn the fantasies into reality. It is part of a growing trend, as four-wheel-drive or "recreational" vehicles assume greater importance in the weekend and holiday lives of their sporting, outdoor owners. Research by Nissan indicates that 55 per cent of off-road owners would use their vehicle for a holiday at least once a year, and 43 per cent of women would use their four-wheel-drive vehicle for weekend trips at least once a month.

A decade ago only a handful of off-road centres in the UK offered drivers training on how best to use four-wheel-drive cars. Those attending were, for the most part, professionals such as foresters, seeking expert guidance. Now dozens of such centres have sprouted, many offering holiday-adventure trips here and abroad.

Some supply a vehicle as part of the package. At others, such as the two-day Scottish Tartan Trail run by Brian Hartley's Club Off Road, that I joined, you take your own vehicle.

The event, based at the 14th Century Duns Castle, between Edinburgh and Berwick-upon-Tweed, began early on Day One as Brian and his team handed out maps, map co-ordinates and advice. An hour later the six other cars were nowhere in sight and my partner and I were clearly lost, in our test Nissan Terrano, miles from where we should have been. Eventually we arrived at some spectacularly bulldozed and betrenched Borders farmland, owned by the family of off-road guru Ronnie Dale, and from where he runs his own driving school.

The first challenge here was to manoeuvre your car on to a piece of a giant's Meccano set, a see-saw, to demonstrate clutch control — by balancing car and see-saw for as long as possible. Experts can do this for minutes at a time. In my case it wasn't so simple. A millisecond after driving my car on to the see-saw, it tilted and crashed down the other side.

The afternoon was spent driving through ditches which seemed to put the vehicle on its side, charging up and down deeply muddy hills, and showering observers with glutinous sprays of Scottish countryside. At night we found ourselves in a dense wood, headlights blinding more than illuminating, as we hunted down specified targets in an observation-cum-driving test. The final challenge for the day was also the simplest — yet the most daunting.

More a test of nerve than of driving ability, the idea was to drive across a field towards two distant red lamps, with all the car lights off, the dashboard illumination blacked out with masking tape, and expecting all the while to crash into a ravine. In the black of a Scottish night, one became aware how much difference the little things — street lights and a tarmac surface — make to motoring.

Day Two began with more map reading, reduced to simpleton level to allow for our stunning lack of competence, before it was back on to private farmland. A shallow stream had had its black, miry bottom dredged, and the results dumped on a nearby field for us to charge at and through. The technique was simple: a long run-up, into third gear and then attack the stuff flat out. As we were dug out by elbow-deep helpers it became clear that our technique needed honing.

A short run north brought us to the white sand of St Abb's Head, north of Eyemouth. The views of the beach were breathtaking, as was the driving. At 30mph on a deserted beach, the feeling of freedom and speed is incomparable. Manoeuvring tests on the sand, and in between the chance to hit the spray, tested our handling ability.

And for those worried about the environmental aspects of such jaunts, there is the reassurance that because we were driving between the low and high-tide marks, the evidence would be washed away within a few hours.

Brian Hartley says: "I don't want to convert everyone into off-road nuts. But you can have adventure off-road without going into jungles or deserts, or taking part in rally raids and the Camel Trophy. Off-roading is all about technique and it gives people a lot of satisfaction to find they can do it."

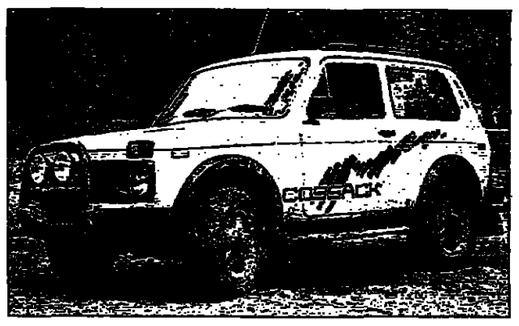
Prices vary from £20 a day for centres offering just somewhere to drive off-road, to £270 per person for one of Brian Hartley's three-day events in your own car.

Club Off Road is now working on trips to Ireland, a Slovakia trek, and a Tuareg Trail event in Morocco, but it is not the only organisation offering such outlets to off-road drivers. Most manufacturers of four-wheel-drive cars, including Land Rover and Vauxhall, offer one-day training courses at special centres around the country.

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Fuel consumption: 27.7mpg

NORMAN Whitaker, Lada national sales manager, says of the Cossack: "We carried out extensive research with dealers, customers and consultants, and they confirmed that we have one of the best-kept secrets in the four-wheel drive market."

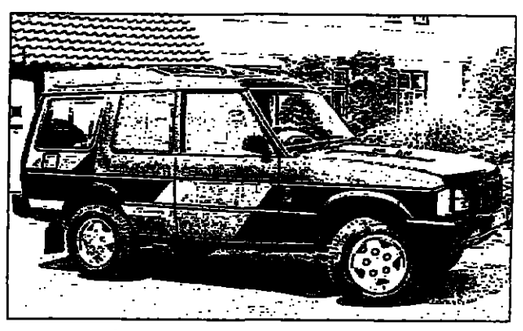
Lada recently relaunched its off-road cars, at the same time knocking £400 off the price of the basic Niva four-wheel drive and unveiling the all-new Niva Cossack.

Street cred has never been the strong-point of the Lada badge but the four-wheel drive Ladas have off-road performance superior to many rivals costing twice as much.

The Cossack will traverse slippery one-in-three gradients and steeper, climb in and out of quagmires and descend fierce hills. The drawbacks to such competence is a suspension system of spine-crunching toughness and a lack of power steering likely to deter women drivers.

The four-wheel drive can be locked for maximum traction. Off-road, a poor turning circle could cause problems, and the pedals are high and awkward.

LAND ROVER DISCOVERY 200TDi



Price: £20,400
Engine: four-cylinder turbo-charged, intercooled diesel offering 111.3bhp
Performance: top speed 91mph; 0-60mph in 17.2sec
Fuel consumption: 33.9mpg

THERE are few vehicles that can claim to have changed the lifestyles of a generation but the Discovery — king of the four-wheel drive pack — can. Where once there were ranks of Volvo and Peugeot estate cars, there are now lines of Discovery models. The Range Rover offers more luxury and performs better, although the Mitsubishi Shogun is able and well-equipped, and the Daihatsu Fourtrak cheap. But the Discovery combines all the virtues and has none of the faults.

You want to go cross-country? It can do that. A comfortable drive in town? It does that too. Carry a substantial load? No problem. Executive car comfort? That too.

The Discovery simply has no weaknesses. The engineering is sturdy and its turbo-diesel thrifty for a vehicle of nearly two tons. Even the clumsiest driver with a full load should get 400 miles from the 19.5-gallon tank. The interior is a triumph: durable and well thought out, with lots of pockets and spaces to carry vittles.

MITSUBISHI SHOGUN 3.0 V6



Price: £23,539
Engine: 3-litre V6 developing 147bhp; 5-speed gearbox
Performance: top speed 103mph; 0-60mph not available
Fuel consumption: 20.9mpg

THERE are not enough Shoguns to go round, according to Mitsubishi. The company has no problem selling its flagship 4x4 but under quota regulations cannot import enough vehicles to satisfy demand.

Whether the Shogun would dent sales of the Land Rover Discovery if it had free access to the British market may never be known but there are no doubts about the vehicle's qualities.

The Mitsubishi is gorgeous, particularly using the trusted 3-litre V6 engine so that it can tackle mud like a tank. The interior is well thought out but the Japanese simply have not got the formula that has made the Discovery such a success.

The tendency to go "all-American" among the Japanese 4x4 manufacturers by widening wheel arches and trying to "jazz up" the image actually detracts and may put off the "county" set who like their vehicles to look classy.

But the family searching for an alternative to an estate car will find the Shogun an ample alternative to Land Rovers.

CHRYSLER JEEP CHEROKEE 4.0



Price: £21,745
Engine: six-cylinder, in-line 4.0-litre, driving through 4-speed automatic transmission, producing 184bhp
Performance: top speed 103mph; 0-60mph in 9.5sec
Fuel consumption 20.9mpg

SAY the name Jeep and the mind's eye sees John Wayne and MASH field stations.

Jeep was the company that took four-wheel-drive and elevated it into a necessity for generations of farmers and aid workers. Unfortunately, the company got left behind by the rapid advances of Land Rover and the Japanese.

But now Jeep is back and with a vehicle as sumptuous as anything else on the market. The Cherokee comes in two engine choices — 2.5- or 4.0-litre — and has all the features that 4x4 drivers now demand.

The Cherokee Limited 4.0-litre — expected to be the big seller — is super-smooth, with automatic transmission and drives with roaring power in the best American tradition. British drivers may find the interior a little tacky and space is limited even though the outside looks hefty.

Some drivers may find the seating position slightly bizarre with the throttle set a long way from the driver's seat, demanding the seat close up to the steering wheel.

Some birthday present that was

The car broke down. The private clampers moved in. And that was only the beginning. The bills came to £1,000

As a birthday present, it left a lot to be desired. Thanks to the enthusiasm of one of London's private clampers, my birthday turned into 24 frazzled hours during which I missed my own celebration lunch and ran up bills of £1,000.

It started quite simply after a night at my squash club. The car broke down on the way home and I called the AA. The very, very nice man came straight to the point: "This is going to cost you a lot of money and you are going to be off the road for a while. Where do you want towing to?"

We settled on my local garage and I decided that I would return to deliver the keys first thing in the morning. Streatham, south London, is well known for nefarious activities and to avoid any incidents taking place on their forecourt, my garage recently, and unknown to me, had taken the precaution of blocking the entry to its premises.

The AA man left me and my car, with its broken camshaft belt, on a single yellow line just outside and urged me to return first thing in the morning.

Before he left, he stuck a large note on AA-headed paper inside the front windscreen explaining that the engine was unserviceable and that the garage would look after it in the morning. The car, the note said, could not be driven or moved.

I wandered off in the pouring rain trying to pretend that a potential £600 car bill was of no concern.

Next morning, the first message of my birthday was from the garage service manager. The car already had a parking ticket, he said, and I had better get up there fast as "they are a bit sharp round here".

I leapt out of bed and jogged up the road to rescue the car. My buoyant birthday mood was barely dented but my sense of disbelief grew as I approached the garage and could not see my car where I had left it.

Gingerly, I went to reception and asked whether the mechanics had found a way to move it with neither tow-truck nor keys. Then I heard the response that I feared must follow: "No, Miss Gorman, it's been towed away".

The service manager explained that he had done his best. He had sat on the bonnet and pleaded with the tow-team to see reason, but to no avail. Now I owed £105 in pound fees, plus a parking ticket, not to mention a hefty repair bill once the car was retrieved.

The next seven hours were spent trying to persuade the AA to recover my car again — not bad considering that I had joined the organisation less than three weeks earlier — and arranging a time when we could both be at the pound.

Several hours were spent at the garage discussing repairs for a car that I might not be able to get back to Streatham and waiting for a hire car that was delivered to almost every Peugeot garage in London apart from the one I was waiting at.

The pound staff showed little concern for my predicament and were greatly amused when I revealed that it was my birthday. They also seemed entertained when I asked how I was supposed to remove a car that could not be driven.

They pointed out that if I did not do so immediately I would be charged a daily storage fee of £12.

I am now trying to recover the pound fee and fine but I feel compensation is in order for a day that was ruined entirely unnecessarily. The car was towed away only minutes after the issue of the parking ticket (and even that was outrageous).

I know traffic wardens treat messages on windscreens with the utmost cynicism, but the one displayed in my sorry looking Peugeot *was* on AA-headed notepaper. Is it likely that I would raid the offices of the AA to have their notepaper readily available for those occasions when I would like to park illegally?

Could they not have cancelled the fine as soon as I made my case clear at the pound, rather than making me pay and then demanding that I seek the money back later, after the garage and AA had got round to writing letters supporting my claim. After all, the AA note was still stuck on the windscreen.

Since then I have been telling friends my tale of woe and have been struck by other people's parking misfortunes. One woman told me that she returned to her car in central London to find the tow team in the middle of their work.

After a heated discussion about the invisibility of the yellow lines that had made her parking unacceptable, she made one more plea. Could she remove her golden labrador from the back seat before the car was removed?

Could she heck! She looked on in despair as the car was hoisted beyond her grasp with the family pet watching in terror from the wrong side of the rear window.

Perhaps I shall get some money back, but I feel sure that there will be no compensation for my ruined birthday and the lunch that I missed. If reason cannot curb the excesses of these firms, regulations should.

FIONA GORMAN

ROADWISE

Volvo extends warranties

VOLVO has stepped up its customer care package with new three-year, 60,000-mile warranties plus eight-year cover against corrosion. The Swedes say the new package, which includes RAC recovery, will not replace the Lifetime Care plan already used by 170,000 Volvo owners. The new deal includes free replacement of catalytic converter, exhaust or battery within the first 50,000 miles or 35 months.

PRICES for historic cars bounced back this week at a Sotheby's sale. The auction at the RAF Museum, Hendon, north London, achieved a total £3.2 million with top price of £397,500 paid by an enthusiast for a supercharged Bentley 4.5-litre four-seat tourer. Second-highest price was £331,500 for a 1928 Mercedes S Sindelf open tourer.

HONDA has introduced a new discount scheme to help owners spread the cost of their motoring over a year. Service Select allows Honda owners to divide their maintenance costs into 12 monthly payments.

THE AA is holding down membership prices this year. Britain's biggest motoring organisation says better cost control allows the personal membership fee to stay at £36 a year. Home Start at £19 and Relay £26.

THE British Motor Industry Heritage Trust's museum is open through the Christmas period, offering garage scenes from the 1930s, rides on historic vehicles — and a free mince pie. Open every day except Christmas and Boxing Day, prices are adult £5, child £3; a family ticket (two adults, two children) costs £12.

THE hunt is on to find Britain's safest car park. After worries that women motorists could be in danger of mugging in dingy multi-storey parks, the Norwich Union insurance company has asked them to select the best. An advice booklet is available from: NU/Safe Parking, 22 Endell Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9AD.

TONY WHITE



Gachot leaves the High Court after being granted his freedom in October of 1991. He is now aiming to return to Formula One with Pacific Grand Prix next season

Gachot starts out on long road back



Oliver Holt meets a driver who has seen adversity but is ready to resume his Formula One career

Bertrand Gachot sold his London flat soon after he was released from prison. He lives in Brussels now and happy coincidence has intervened so that, today of all days, he is about as far away from the English capital as it is possible to be. Three years ago exactly, at Hyde Park Corner, Gachot spun off the fast track to success.

If he had dodged the London traffic as carefully as he picked his way round the motor racing circuits of the world and avoided a small bump with a black cab, he might not be in Japan today, still seeking the sponsorship he needs to clinch a drive with Pacific Grand Prix, one of two new English teams planning to compete in Formula One next season.

In the first half of 1991, he established himself firmly as a rising star. Some even tipped him as a future world champion. He won the Le Mans 24-hour race, finished fifth in that year's Canadian grand prix for the new Jordan team and then set the fastest lap in the Hungarian grand prix some weeks later. That was his last outing of the season.

His court case began three days after the Budapest race. After his collision with the taxi, the driver, Eric Court, jumped out and remonstrated with him. Gachot, a French national who is an adopted Belgian, said he thought he was about to be assaulted and sprayed CS gas into the face of the taxi driver from a canister which he kept in his Alfa Romeo car for his girlfriend's protection.

After a three-day trial at Southwark Crown Court, a jury found him guilty of assault, causing actual bodily harm and of possession of the canister, an offence in Britain, but not in France, Germany or Belgium. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison and a six-month concurrent term for possession of a prohibited weapon. He was led away, gesturing helplessly and muttering "for nothing".

Gachot was held in Brixton Prison and the High Court reinforced the severity of his punishment when it refused requests for bail so that he could drive in his home grand prix at Spa the following weekend. His absence led to the start of another brilliant career — his place at Jordan was taken by Michael Schumacher.

His case became a *cause célèbre* in Belgium where demonstrators besieged the British embassy in Brussels and political commentators contrasted his punishment with what they considered the leniency shown to many British fans in the aftermath of the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster, which claimed the lives of 39 supporters.

He was freed two months later after the Court of Appeal reduced his sentence, but by then his drive with Jordan had disappeared and he was under pressure to repay a £250,000 loan he had taken out to secure his position. "I am ruined," he said on his release. "Being in an English prison has cost me £1 million."

His money problems have receded but he is still playing catch-up with his career. He fought his way back into Formula One in 1992 but had a largely barren year with Larrousse.

Last season, he was preparing for another season with the French team but was discarded before the first race and, as he prepared to fly to the Far East yesterday, Gachot, 30, admitted his experiences had sapped his motivation.

"You think you are working hard at something," he said, "you invest 100 per cent in a project as I did with Jordan and then it gets ruined by something that is outside your control. That is very dispiriting. It makes you wonder what is the point in trying, if that can happen, and whether it will happen again.

"I just force myself not to think about where my career would have been if the whole thing had not occurred. I do not want to count out the number of things that it did to me. There is no point saying I would have won this race or that race by now, or I would have been world champion.

"I just have to regard it as though I had had an accident or a disease that had put me out of the sport for a long time. At the time, I felt my whole career was destroyed. It was all so senseless. But the way it has turned out, I think I am a happier man now than I was before it happened."

Keith Wiggins, Pacific Grand Prix's owner, has a long-standing association with Gachot and says he is 98 per cent certain he will be driving for the team next season. "We have always had a successful relationship. He is a resilient character and that helped him to shrug it off. He has been involved with new teams before and without his energy and commitment I doubt they would have got off the ground."

Gachot is equally impressed with his new partners. "I have every confidence in Pacific's chances next season because they have proved themselves at every level," he said.

Despite his lingering resentment about the affair, Gachot professes no bitterness towards the British, just disdain for the legal system and a determination to accentuate the positive aspects of his imprisonment. "It was a fantastic human experience," he said. "On my first day in prison after they had taken my clothes away from me, I just thought, 'wow, what have I left behind?'

"There were some guys in there I had to be careful with. But there were others for whom life had just taken a wrong course, or who were there because of an injustice. I had about 10,000 letters of support and I learned that I could get back to where I was before, if I wanted to. I am back now, but it took all my strength to do it."

How we sailed into yachting's record-books

Lawrie Smith, skipper of Intrum Justitia, describes his record-breaking ride through the Southern Ocean

The following are excerpts from Smith's diary during the second stage of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, which he won yesterday after reaching Fremantle a day and a half ahead of the record set by the New Zealand yacht, Steinlager II, which won the 1989 race.

November 30

1400 GMT: Wind and seas building. Just covered 101 miles in 6 hours. Icy spray cutting across the deck with the power of a fire hydrant, forcing itself down my neck, up sleeves and into boots. Winds settling over the beam.

Just the conditions Intrum likes, but wettest for the crew. Weather fax shows we could be in for a wild but wet ride.

1600: Boat cutting through the waves like a Sherman tank. Spray everywhere. Spinnaker blown apart. All hands on deck to grab the remnants in the dark. It takes 5 minutes to change sails and speed drops from 20 to 10 knots. That's a mile we have lost to Dickson's Tokio.

1750: Halyard breaks — the fourteenth so far on this leg. One man has to shin up the mast in the dark to replace it. A dangerous job in these seas. Still averaging 20 knots and surfing much faster.

2000: Just covered 111 miles — 5 more than Dickson. Cheer goes up. But can the next watch maintain this pace?

We are all frozen and starving. Water temperatures are close to freezing and blinding spray makes it impossible to see further than the mast.

We now wear goggles to protect our eyes from the stinging spray. Heaven help us if there is ice ahead. Below decks, the heater is in pieces as Marcus tries to fix it. Boat is cold, wet and stinks of diesel and stale salt.

Food. Another meal of water saturated paper. This freeze-dried stuff may be light and hot but does it do us any good? Must supplement this with proper food on future legs, including sugar and chocolate. Crew need more high energy.

December 1

0200: Back on watch. Clothes still wet and boots cold. Feet are numb. Intrum has covered 105 miles in six hours. Good but not as good as Tokio which has clawed back four miles on us.

0230: Another halyard breaks. Spinnakers now held by two halyards and twin sheets in effort to reduce these breaking loads. Meanwhile the power hosing continues, washing crew down the decks and knocking me off the wheel.

0800: We make 106 miles — Tokio down to 102. Race office telex us that we have just broken Fortuna's world record with a 423-mile run in 24 hours. We have the Omega Yellow Jersey once more.

1200: Winds now 35 knots across the deck. Water flying everywhere, running down the halyard exit holes and filling the bilge. Time to take in a reef. Shake up two of the off-watch who look only half asleep to help. Not a welcome job.

Time to take spinnaker down and replace with jib-top as wind swings forward. Boat now cutting through the seas throwing up a shower of spray. We are cold, hungry and wet, but holding on to the lead by our finger-nails.

0200 Our submarine covers 103 miles. Tokio is down to 98. Dickson must have endured more problems than Intrum. Race HQ telex us with another record, this time 425 miles in 24 hours.

Even better, Dickson has managed only 415. Another 2,200 miles and 9 days to go. Any longer and we will have webbed feet.

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Frantic league pace hides lack of quality



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

NEW Zealand play the kind of rugby that its public wants, although not, one would like to think, with the kind of cynicism that seemed to pervade the last touring party. The New Zealand style has evolved over the years in its national team and is reinforced among the country's provinces and clubs.

There are those who admire the uniformity and stability that stems from this and go so far as to suggest that rugby is never quite so strong in this country simply because there is not the same comprehensive pattern that stretches the length and breadth of the land. Looking at the way the English divisional teams played this may be something that is entering the scheme of things. But whether this is wise should be a matter of debate.

The point is whether the rugby style developing in this country is the kind the public generally wants. Am I right in noticing a certain disquiet among the rugby-going crowd. Has a gap developed between what the public expects and what it gets?

The question may be thought redundant since it appears to be at odds with the fact that since league rugby began the crowds have, by and large, increased. If England are a very successful team it is what is occurring below this level and what effect it might have for the future, that is of concern. The stifling and excessive club programme, if I read the signs correctly, and the lack of individual vision that this breeds, have allowed other countries to steal a march on us in the British Isles.

Does the tension and the urgency of the league contest divert attention from the lack of quality.

There is a knife-edged expectancy that makes enormous demands on nervous energy. There is movement within limited parameters and plenty of power. Increasingly, these matches encourage a hardened competitiveness.

Incidentally, nothing showed England's resolve more than that occasion at Twickenham when Rob Andrew was forced three times to drop out from his 22 metre line. Twice he kicked long into the All Black half. Twice the All Blacks, who will contrive always to play the game beyond the opposition's ten metre line, kicked it back to force another drop out from Andrew.

By this time, being the nice guy he is, he might have felt that he was letting the side down, perhaps the whole of England, if he continued repeating this tedious tactic. After all, the crowd had paid good money in the hope of better things. However, not to be fazed, Andrew, for the third time, kicked it long and approximately to the same place. He succeeded in frustrating the opposition and ended up with a set piece in New Zealand's half. England were not going to give an inch, psychologically or otherwise.

All this is to the general good. There is vigour, yes. There are thrills, too. Fitness levels are higher. Are skills nowadays superior? To what extent does it explore the players' and the teams' potential?

Regrettably, a club in need of league points does not have the luxury of spending much time philosophising in this way. There are, they will insist, more pressing matters, like survival, on their minds.

If rugby is about winning it is about many other things, too. It is also about coming to terms with losing. And a youngster wishing to take up the game must recognise and understand the requirements that attend both of these. Encouraging youngsters to want to take up the game is what rugby is, also, 'about'. A sport avoids this obligation at its peril. Losing does not deter them, and winning is not the reason why they keep on coming back for more. The fundamental reason is that they enjoy the game.

The trend in the British game is to follow New Zealand's pattern and to emphasise the physical aspects at the expense, it seems, of individual enterprise. Tactics are narrow. Australia, in fact, would present a better example to follow since they are not so inclined to negative tendencies.

This is where the gap exists. If in New Zealand young players are happy to follow their country's traditions it is doubtful that we, with a different temperament and sets of rugby values, should be encouraged to follow their fashion. Youngsters are happy with a physical game, but only if it is balanced with plenty of running in spaces. This, I would vouch, is true of the wishes of spectators also. Tennis is not so attractive if based on a power serve. Nor is rugby if based solely on muscle. The test for the future is whether the best of what is thought to be British, and exemplified to a certain extent by the Barbarians, can be turned to more winning ways.

Getting to grips with Ballesteros

IT WAS not the best of years for Nick Faldo and it was not the best of years for golf books, either. There was nothing to compare with Lorne Rubenstein's cerebral offering, *Links* (Stanley Paul, £12.99) in 1991, and certainly nothing in golf to match the turbulent enthusiasm of Stephen Jones's book about rugby union, *Endless Winter* (Mainstream £14.99), which was deservedly named the sports book of the year.

Lauren St John came closest with her second golf book. The first, *Shooting at Clouds*, was about life on the PGA European Tour and though it was dotted with mistakes, there was no concealing its freshness. This year's offering is about Seve Ballesteros and titled *SEVE, The Biography* (Partridge Press, £14.95).

Despite its 300-plus pages and pompous title, suggesting that hers is the only biography of Ballesteros that matters, when actually a very good one was written by Dudley Doust and published 11 years ago, the book does not get as close to Ballesteros as it would if she had spent a significant amount of time with him.

Ballesteros refused to collaborate with St John, however, although he did know the book was being written and spoke to her on occasions about it; nor could he keep his hands off my copy when he saw me with it a day or so after its publication in the spring.

Faced with little co-operation from her subject, St John did what good writers and reporters do. She took her tape recorder and notebook and interviewed everyone she could find about Seve.

Then she sat down and trawled through all this material and turned it into a well-written and thorough, if occasionally too gushing, appraisal.

St John has a writer's eye and ear and a pleasing style. The books about Ballesteros that are being written at present are going to have be very good to be better than this one.

Almost Straight Down the Middle by Chris Plumridge (Queen Anne Press, £12.95) is an anthology of his best golf pieces over the past 15 years or so.

Plumridge likes to portray himself as the oldest member, who votes Tory, lives in the Shires, reads the *Daily Telegraph*, cannot stand long hair, believes that women have no place at his club — nor Scots and Welsh, for that matter — and describes golf played from a cart as mechanised polo.

He says this is all a ruse but whenever I have played golf with him he spends a lot of time in the rough on the right. Plumridge has the saving grace of writing well and with humour.

It is a shame that his present employers do not regard his talents with the same approval as his publishers.

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

At his best, Plumridge is worthy of being considered a successor to witty golfing writers such as Peter Dobereiner and the late Henry Longhurst.

Malcolm Hamer is prolific. *Death Trap* (Headline, £16.99) is the third thriller to feature Chris Ludlow in as many years and Hamer had his eye on the ball and calendar when he set its denouement at a Ryder Cup.

Which brings me to *Caddie in the Golden Age* (Partridge Press, £14.99) by Ernest Hargreaves. It includes an account of how he caddied for Walter Hagen in the first Ryder Cup played in Britain, that of 1929 at Moortown. It is an interesting glimpse of an occasion we had hitherto known little about.

John Hopkins

Pickering looking good

BY CRAIG LORD

KAREN Pickering oozed confidence last night. She had just retained her national short-course swimming title at 50 metres freestyle by an indecent margin and the world record for 200 metres, that she is aiming for on Saturday, is still a good bet.

There was a slight swagger about Pickering, 21, as she marched to the blocks ready for her first race since becoming Britain's first woman world champion, at 200 metres freestyle, in Majorca last Friday.

Gloucester, last night, was not quite the same. Indeed, she made it seem as though there was just one protagonist, unusual in the shortest of official races. Her time, 25.99sec, was a fraction down on her English record and almost a second ahead of her nearest rival, Maxine Lock.

Pickering looked a little drawn. "I've been tired since Palma," she said, "but it's getting better each day. I slept all day Saturday and Sunday and about five hours during the day since. It felt quite good — about what I expected."

As she climbed out of the pool, there were no signs of the wobbly legs that often afflict her after her best efforts.

There was more sobering news for another medal-winner from Palma, however. Paul Palmer, 19, was brought down to earth, losing his national short-course 400 metres freestyle title to Andrew Clayton, 20, less than a week after winning the bronze medal in Palma.



Palmer: down to earth

The time, 3min 49.75sec to 3min 49.87sec, was four seconds slower than in Palma, and Palmer more sluggish. "I don't feel too well, but I'm not making any excuses," Palmer said. "I don't like losing." He regretted not taking the Pickering line of sleeping off the effects of the world championships. "I was straight back into training on Tuesday," he said.

Sarah Hardcastle qualified fastest for the 800 metres freestyle yesterday morning and used her night off from distance freestyle to collect her first national individual medley title, at 200 metres, in 2min 16.39sec, a fingernail ahead of Alex Bennet and Helen Slatter, the defending champion.

RESULTS: Men: 400m freestyle: 1, A Clayton (City of Leeds) 3min 49.75sec; 2, P Palmer (City of Lincoln Pentaqua) 3:49.87; 3, P Stackhouse (Stockport Metro) 3:51.72.

Widnes reject bid for Howard

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

YOUTH has been given its head at Headingley, and although the future looks bright enough, it is the present that concerns Leeds; hence their entry into the transfer market yesterday.

In keeping with their reduced status, Leeds no longer have the money to call the tune. Their overtures for Harvey Howard, 25, Widnes's nomadic prop forward, were not especially welcomed at Naughton Park, given a considerable difference between the offer and the player's £135,000 valuation.

Howard, who went missing at the start of the season, is back at Widnes after returning from Australia, where he was in breach of his contract. He has been offered a two-year deal with Sydney Eastern Suburbs. Under international rules, Widnes would receive only £35,000 for him. Leeds is a preferable option, but the Yorkshire club would have to increase the bid significantly to impress Jim Mills, the Widnes chairman.

The front row is the biggest problem for Leeds. A player of Howard's physique and growing stature could help remedy that. It was Doug Laughton, Widnes's erstwhile coach, and now manager at Leeds, who first suggested that Howard, a centre at the time, should move into the pack, where he has made great strides.

Although a back division, including six teenagers, helped Leeds last weekend at Sheffield to only their fifth league win, Kevin Iro, Alan Tait and Simon Irving should be available after injury for the return match against the Eagles on Sunday.

This will be Gary Hetherington's first game back coaching Sheffield following the departure of Bill Gardner on Tuesday. Although he has said he will do the job until the end of the season, Clive Griffiths, the Wales and Warrington assistant coach, is being linked with the position.

Richard Blackmore, the Castleford centre, will be out for six weeks following a knee operation. Tony Smith takes his place in the Regal Trophy third round tie against Leigh on Sunday. Salford have transfer-listed their winger, Tex Evans, for £85,000.

minister who calls for the abolition

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Unravelling the orienteering mystery

Nicholas George reports from Stockholm on efforts to find the cause of a series of deaths among a sport's elite in Sweden

Melker Karlsson had completed a training run and just come out of the shower when he collapsed and died. There had been no indication that he was ill, no chest pains or poor form. Indeed, two weeks earlier, the 24-year-old orienteer had represented Sweden in the sport's World Cup.

His death in November last year caused panic among the close-knit community of athletes who compete in elite-level orienteering. During the previous 3½ years it was known that seven other Swedish orienteers had died in similar circumstances. The country's orienteering federation suspended competition and training for elite runners.

As a team of doctors, microbiologists and pathologists began to examine the deaths, the true extent of the problem emerged. So far, 17 sudden cardiac deaths have been identified among orienteers between 1979 and 1992 and the tracing of runners continues. Pathologists were able to recover tissues from the dead orienteers, as all unexplained deaths in Sweden are followed by forensic autopsies, after which tissues are saved. There have also been reports of similar deaths among young orienteers in Norway and Russia.

According to some doctors, the results of the medical investigations could have implications which stretch well beyond orienteering and help explain why apparently fit young men suffer sudden cardiac deaths during sport. An infection which causes sore throats or pneumonia in most people may be killing elite sportsmen.

Orienteering is an international sport but in Sweden it has taken on the form of a national movement. Each year around 75,000 people (from a population of 8 million) regularly take part in competitions, with around 3,000 competing as elite runners. The biggest event of the year, the O-Ringen, attracts 16,000 orienteers.

Health fears have reduced the number of people regularly competing which, according to the Swedish orienteering federation, dropped by 15 per cent after the suspension of elite athletes was imposed.

The sport is a combination of cross-country running and map reading. An undulating course of about ten miles is set through forest. Runners, who are equipped with a compass and map, navigate between command stations, where they pick up the coordinates of the next station. There are no set routes and the runner must decide upon the quickest way which, because of gradients and difficult terrain, may not be the shortest.

The death of Karlsson shook the Swedish national team doctor, Christer Johansson. "We were all really scared. Two weeks before he had performed well in a World Cup race." Moreover, Karlsson had recently completed a health questionnaire in which he said he had no signs of illness.

A few months earlier, Johansson, who also runs a sports medicine department at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, had asked experts at Uppsala University, the most prestigious in Sweden, to help investigate the matter. Pathologists in Denmark, Sweden and England have since checked the autopsy reports and, where possible, the tissue and serum samples from the dead orienteers.

Speaking at a conference last week, Dr Håkan Gnarpe, a clinical microbiologist, reported that "an astonishing amount of the dead orienteers that were re-examined had advanced changes in their hearts and quite a number had signs of ongoing or old myocarditis, which is an inflammation of the heart".

In the two most recent deaths where there heart was re-examined, and in three more cases where blood serum existed, there was evidence of the presence of the bacterium, *chlampdia pneumonia*. This points to the deaths being some way linked with the bacterium but, as the infection is widespread in the population, it does not explain why an infection which causes sore throats or pneumonia in other people is killing orienteers.

Gnarpe is cautious about jumping to conclusions, but said: "What may make orienteers more susceptible is that they have come close to the border of what is physically possible because they compete and exercise on a level few athletes ever do."

At Uppsala University, Dr Lars Wesslén has attempted to track down how an infection could spread. There are many alternatives to check. The athletes spent a lot of time together and shared showers and transport. Many of the orienteers who died, including Karlsson, lived or trained in the Dalalven region north of Stockholm, illustrated in the map below. Mats Larsson and Johan Björkman, who also died last year, were from Skutskar and Arsunda respectively. The infection could have come from ticks or mosquitos in the forest, or perhaps be linked with a mystery disease which has killed wild moose and deer.

At the conference last week, one doctor claimed that it was the sport itself that was dangerous. He pointed to experiments in the United States, where rats who ran on treadmills and then stopped suddenly before starting again put their hearts under much greater stress than those who ran without stopping. This pattern, he claimed, was similar to that of orienteering.

Johansson ridicules this idea. He does not believe the problem is confined to Sweden or orienteering. He believes that if other sports started looking they may well find similar patterns. Researchers are now looking at sudden cardiac deaths among the entire population and the health of groups of cross-country skiers and runners is also being monitored.

Sweden's elite orienteers have been thoroughly examined and were allowed to start training again in May. They have been warned that at any hint of illness they must stop training. In October they recorded their best performance in the world championships in the United States.

Johansson believes this demonstrates that athletes who train too hard just exhaust the body. The break seems to have done people no harm. "We have now been a year without a death. I hope we have taken the correct measures, but we are aware there could be more sudden deaths. We don't think it's over yet."



Karlsson, the Swedish World Cup orienteer, who died in November 1992



International court to rule in Krabbe case

FROM DAVID MILLER IN LAUSANNE

SOLICITORS acting on behalf of Katrin Krabbe, of Germany, the former world sprinting champion, have indicated to the International Olympic Committee that they will accept judgment, in her appeal against suspension for drug offences, by the International Court of Sports Arbitration. This is the first important breakthrough by the IOC in legal procedure aimed at avoiding costly civil court actions.

The approach was made to Kaber M'Baye, the retired international judge from Senegal and former IOC vice-president, who has worked energetically for the creation of the international court.

At yesterday's press conference here, following a three-day meeting of the IOC executive board, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, stressed that Primo Nebiolo — the president of international athletics against whose suspension Krabbe is appealing — was strongly in favour of arbitration. Samaranch's comment implies that he may already have spoken to Nebiolo, who was involved in drafting the new independent court's constitution.

Acceptance by Krabbe of the court's judgment would create an element of obligation for Harry "Butch" Reynolds, the American similarly suspended until earlier this year, to do the same, and abandon his litigation in the United States courts, where he has been awarded $27 million in damages against the IAAF.

Samaranch yesterday confirmed the executive board's intended course of action on suggestions by the Programme Commission for "modernising" the Olympic Games in 2000 — as outlined in *The Times* yesterday.

He said that the changes would be less dramatic than had been forecast in speculation. "There is a long way to go and we need to retain a flexible attitude," he said.

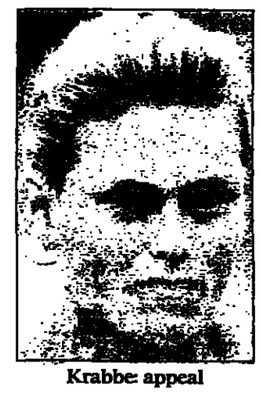
Within this flexibility is the idea that successive host cities, particularly in the Summer Games, should be able to include a sport of their choice. This has already happened at Atlanta, where women's softball will be played in 1996. Sydney would certainly wish to retain pairs volleyball — sand volley, as it is to be termed, rather than beach volleyball — while an Asian host might wish to include squash.

Samaranch also spoke of the future composition of the IOC needing to involve "the most important people in sport". By this he meant leaders of international federations and for the first time he used the term, *ex officio*.

This, I believe, is further evidence that he is about to embark on the tortuous task of restructuring IOC membership: to shake out the static, silent 20 per cent who contribute nothing — the Finn, Pirjo Haggman, for instance, the former Olympic athlete and first woman member in 1981, has not been heard to speak in 12 years — and to involve those who are involved in the day-to-day administration of international federations and national Olympic committees.

Samaranch has already achieved the right of the president to nominate two *ex officio* members — in his case, Nebiolo from athletics and Olaf Poulsen from skating — and this principle should be extended. No multi-national corporation with a $2 billion budget, such as the IOC now is, can survive without involving the key figures in its subsidiary divisions.

The most radical change should be the reduction of IOC membership, first to a maximum of 90 and preferably only one per country, but, more important, to a period of 12 years — three Olympiads — with the possibility of re-election, instead of the present permanent election to the age of 75. This would enable the IOC to get rid of lightweights who exploit the prestige in return for little.


Krabbe: appeal

Concerning a proposed visit to Sarajevo, Samaranch said that he had been obliged to postpone it because of the difficulty of access, but he hoped to be there during the Winter Games in Lillehammer in February. The IOC has obtained the approval of the United Nations for observation of an "Olympic armistice" during the Games, in the slim hope of assisting peace in former Yugoslavia.

Asked again whether the IOC's involvement in such non-sporting affairs was part of a pursuit of a Nobel peace prize, Samaranch replied: "I do not qualify," but added that the IOC was doing what it could to help initiate peaceful solutions in an echo of the ancient Games.

With some justification, Samaranch considers that the ability of the Olympic Games to survive terrorism and boycotts, and to harmonise on the sporting field such nations as Iran, Iraq and Israel, makes the IOC a worthy candidate for the peace prize.

Successful return by Harper

WEST Indies used spin as their main weapon when play began yesterday in the first Test match against Sri Lanka at Moratuwa. The start was delayed by a wet outfield and in the 165 minutes possible, Sri Lanka, who won the toss, made 66 for three wickets.

Winston Benjamin had Roshan Mahanama caught behind for 11 in the seventeenth over but the bulk of the bowling was done by the two off spinners, Roger Harper and Carl Hooper.

Harper, back in the team after an absence of four years, struck in his sixth over when Hashan Tillekeratne played a casual cut and offered Brian Lara, at first slip, a simple catch. Hooper removed the obdurate Test newcomer, Dulip Samaraweera, when Harper took a bat-pad catch at short leg. Samaraweera took 136 minutes to score 16.

Aravinda de Silva batted bravely after being hit on the finger by Walsh and was 29 not out at the close.

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama c Murray b Benjamin	11
D P Samaraweera c Harper b Hooper	16
†H P Tillekeratne c Lara b Harper	0
P A de Silva not out	29
*A Ranatunga not out	6
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (3 wkts)	66

S T Jayasuriya, R S Kalpage, P Dessanayake, G P Wickremasinghe, S D Anurasiri and M Muralitharan to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-30, 3-57.

BOWLING: Ambrose 6-5-2-0; Walsh 9-3-16-0; Harper 18-10-24-1; Hooper 8-3-13-1; Benjamin 5-4-9-1, Arthurton 1-1-0-0.

WEST INDIES: *R B Richardson, D L Haynes, P V Simmons, B C Lara, K L T Arthurton, C L Hooper, †J Murray, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh, W K M Benjamin, R A Harper.

Bicknell's frustrations mount

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARTIN Bicknell, who is eager to revive his claims to an England Test place, suffered a blow yesterday when he had to withdraw from the first four-day match of England A's tour of South Africa, against Transvaal in Johannesburg starting today. Martin McCague, the Kent fast bowler, may also not play because he is easing his way back with a remodelled action following a stress fracture of the back earlier this year.

Bicknell's problem is that he is still feeling the after-effects of an operation on his left knee, carried out after cartilage trouble had forced him to withdraw from England's final Test against Australia in August. That was cruel on Bicknell, who had impressed at Headingley and Edgbaston and seemed set to make a breakthrough at the highest level.

His injury provided an opportunity for Angus Fraser to return to the Test team and turn in a match-winning performance which clinched him a place on the full England tour of the Caribbean and consigned Bicknell to a more junior role this winter.

Bicknell's aim in South Africa is to make himself the principal contender for a call-up should any of the fast bowlers in Mike Atherton's team in the West Indies sustain an injuries in the next few months. Now, he will have to prove himself fully fit for next Friday's four-day match against Eastern Province in Port Elizabeth.

Phil Neal, the England A manager, said yesterday: "Martin has done well so far, but he's lacking a little bit of strength in the leg due to the operation. He's still building it up, but for the moment the ball is not swinging as much as it usually does for him and that's because he needs more fitness work.

"Martin McCague is still feeling some stiffness in his back, although he is happy with the way things are going. He's here as a strike bowler, but you can't press a button and run in and bowl quick."

The England A management are waiting until today before deciding on their final XI for the Transvaal match and it is probable both spinners, Robert Croft and Peter Such. Transvaal will be captained by Jimmy Cook, the former South Africa opener, who now bats in the middle order for a province that boasts a strong and experienced line-up.

TRANSVAAL: B M White, M Yachad, M W Rushmere, M D Hayaman, S J Cook (capt), D R Lang, N Pothas (wkt), S Jacobs, C E Eksteen, M Hobson, S D Jack.
ENGLAND A (from): M N Lathwell, H Morris (capt), J P Crawley, A P Wells, M B Loye, A Dale, S J Rhodes (wkt), R D B Croft, D J Cork, M C Ilot, P M Such, M J McCague, D Gough.

□ Middlesex yesterday signed Kevin Shine, the Hampshire fast bowler, on a two-year contract.

Pakistan recover after early losses

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ZIMBABWE'S seam bowlers enjoyed a productive first day in the second Test match in Rawalpindi as Pakistan's top-order batsmen struggled for runs on a well-grassed pitch yesterday.

Until Asif Mujtaba and Rashid Latif steadied Pakistan with an unbroken 54-run partnership for the sixth wicket, Pakistan had slipped to 131 for five. Even after the recovery, however, the close-of-play score of 185 for five represented a good day's work for Zimbabwe, who trail in the three-match series after losing the first Test in Karachi last week.

After winning the toss, the Zimbabwean seam attack of Eddo Brandes, David Brain and Heath Streak all bowled a consistent line that troubled the Pakistani batsmen off the pitch.

Aamer Sohail and Shoaib Mohammad, the opening batsmen for Pakistan, were both sent back to the pavilion with only 33 runs on the board, Shoaib being judged leg-before for 18 and Aamer Sohail being caught shortly afterward for eight.

Javed Miandad, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Basit Ali were also removed between lunch and tea. Miandad made 20 before edging a delivery from Streak, the left-handed fast bowler, into his stumps, and Inzamam fell to an inswinger from Brain for 38. Basit Ali, who contributed 25, then became the victim of a trap set by Brandes.

Attempting to hook a rising ball, Basit succeeded only in hoisting a catch to deep fine leg, where Streak grasped the opportunity.

Brain, who was called into the Zimbabwe team in place of Rennie after the defeat in Karachi, turned in the impressive figures of two for 30 from 21 overs.

However, Mujtaba, the left-handed batsman, and Latif, the bustling wicketkeeper, resisted stubbornly in the day's final session.

At the close, Mujtaba was left undefeated on 25 with Latif, the more aggressive of the two, on 32, including five fours. Pakistan are not likely to be as lacklustre today.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamer Sohail c Houghton b Streak	8
Shoaib Mohammad low b Brain	18
Inzamam-ul-Haq b Brain	38
Javed Miandad b Streak	20
Basit Ali c Streak b Brandes	25
Asif Mujtaba not out	25
†Rashid Latif not out	33
Extras (b 4, lb 11, nb 3, w 1)	19
Total (5 wkts)	185

*Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Atiq-ur-Rehman and Ashfaq Ahmed to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-33, 3-89, 4-101, 5-131

BOWLING: Brandes 21-2-59-1; Brain 21-4-30-2; Streak 15-4-41-2, Whittal 12-5-31-0; Peall 6-3-9-0.

ZIMBABWE: *†A Flower, G W Flower, M H Dekker, A D R Campbell, D L Houghton, G J Whittall, G Bruk-Jackson, D H Streak, S G Peall, E A Brandes, D Brain.

□ Malcolm Marshall, the former Hampshire and West Indies fast bowler, who retired from first-class cricket last season, will join Leyland, the Northern League club.

Australia are outplayed as Cronje takes control

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HANSIE Cronje blunted the threat of the Australian leg spinner, Shane Warne, with a fine innings of 91 not out as South Africa recorded an emphatic seven-wicket victory at Melbourne yesterday in their opening match in the World Series Cup.

Cronje hit the winning run with eight balls remaining as South Africa won almost as comfortably as when they recorded a nine-wicket success against the same opponents in last season's World Cup.

Cronje, who had earlier taken two wickets for 42 runs in his ten overs of medium pace, played a superbly controlled innings after going in following the the early loss of Andrew Hudson.

He was well supported by the captain, Kepler Wessels, who made exactly half of the 140 runs added for the second wicket before he was bowled by Craig McDermott. "I am proud of the team," Wessels said. "We have a great respect for the Australians and victory against them means a lot to us."


Cronje: unbeaten 91

Both Cronje, who was voted man of the match, and Wessels had moments of uncertainty against Warne but also struck some resounding blows at his expense. The slow bowler's only wicket was that of Darryll Cullinan, who was bowled without scoring. It cost him 43 runs in ten overs.

The Australian captain, Allan Border, had planned to save Warne for the three-Test series between the teams but was forced to include him when Tim May was ruled out with a hamstring injury.

"It was nice to get a look at Warne before the Tests and he did get a few to turn a bit," Wessels said.

Earlier, Australia had failed to build on a bold innings of 73 by the opening batsman, Michael Slater, who put on 105 with Mark Taylor. Slater hit nine fours and faced only 69 deliveries before he fell to a fine return catch by Pat Symcox.

Australia went into such a decline on his dismissal that only one further boundary was hit during the innings. There were no further partnerships of any significance and it proved beyond Border's team to bat out their allocation of overs, the last wicket fell with the score at 189 with 25 deliveries still to go.

The South Africans were inspired by the brilliance of Jonty Rhodes in the field. Rhodes, who later contributed an undefeated 20, ran out David Boon and Steve Waugh with direct hits from the covers. "The run-outs were crucial, the turning points of the match because they increased the pressure on Australia," Wessels said.

The defeat was an unexpected setback for the Australians after their successful tour of England and their 2-0 victory in the Test series over New Zealand, which finished earlier in the week.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

M A Taylor b Cronje	30
M J Slater c and b Symcox	73
D C Boon run out	1
M E Waugh c Symcox b Cronje	8
S R Waugh run out	33
*A R Border b Snell	11
†I A Healy not out	21
S K Warne run out	3
P R Reiffel lbw de Villiers	0
C J McDermott c Richardson b de Villiers	5
G D McGrath b de Villiers	0
Extras (lb 2, w 2)	4
Total (45.5 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-106, 3-106, 4-119, 5-151, 6-166, 7-180, 8-181, 9-189.

BOWLING: Donald 10-1-32-0, Cronje 10-0-42-2; Symcox 10-0-40-1; de Villiers 7.5-0-30-3; Snell 8-0-43-1.

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson c Taylor b McDermott	4
*K C Wessels b McDermott	70
W J Cronje not out	91
D J Cullinan b Warne	0
J N Rhodes not out	20
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 2)	5
Total (3 wkts, 48.4 overs)	190

†D J Richardson, D Callaghan, R P Snell, A Donald, P Symcox and F de Villiers did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-144, 3-149.

BOWLING: McDermott 10-1-31-2; McGrath 8.4-1-28-0; Reiffel 4-0-19-0; S Waugh 10-0-37-0; Border 3-0-15-0; Warne 10-0-43-1; M Waugh 3-0-15-0.

A woman flees her husband. With Julia Hean (1943, b/w). Musical romance with QVC

Norwich receive high praise for stylish approach

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHERE do Norwich City go from here? When the *bête noire* of English football, Dennis Bergkamp, scored the magnificent goal that put Norwich out of the Uefa Cup in Milan on Wednesday, the lesson in finishing he gave was one a modest club could never be in the market to buy. It was a display of cold nerve from a player who, at present prices, would cost £10 million, more than the entire Norwich team.

Yet it was no illusion that Internazionale were being more than gracious in victory when their coach, Osvaldo Bagnoli, said: "Norwich are one of the best teams to play here at San Siro in a decade."

In the cold light of Thursday another Italian voice was added in praise of the approach, the aggression and, most pleasing of all, the passing style of Norwich. "They made a beautiful game," said Gianni Agnelli, the owner of Juventus and a man who in his seven decades has bought and seen many of the world's finest performers.

Agnelli added, truthfully, that the problem for Norwich was in their failure to score, but he continued: "I liked especially the No 7 [Efan Ekoku], who had a splendid first half. For me he was a new player, a new name."

Agnelli was not to know that the fading of Ekoku after half a game was the natural physical reaction of a man who had not played senior footbal for nine weeks. But the question of whether Ekoku can now stay fit and challenging enough to join Nigeria at the World Cup is secondary to the serious question of whether Norwich can build upon this achievement, or whether it becomes their peak.

Their manager, Mike Walker, suggested earlier this week that to progress the club might have to loosen its purse strings. "If it could give any guarantee, or even if I had the slightest inclination that by loosening the purse strings we would succeed more than we have," Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, said, "I would do it without hesitation.

"Not many people realise that our team, though modestly-paid by comparison with others in the Premiership, are on a squad bonus of £1 million to win the championship. They were on the same bonus last season and Mike Walker, who with John Deehan has had a brilliant 1½ seasons, collected £100,000 in personal bonuses, more than his basic wage."

Chase, clearly not in the league of Agnelli or half a dozen of the leading Italian football billionaires, is still a proud enough man to have tasted European fare and to want more of it. Yet he cautions: "What we mustn't do is change too quickly. We have here a business structure built like a family, and we must make sure that the unity within that family does not go astray."

By that he means the philosophy, the sound common sense, on which Norwich have grown. They are now competent and confident enough to go to places like Old Trafford, or indeed Milan, and attack the home side. And Chase believes this comes as much as anything out of the graft, the hard work which Walker and his players are used to. "Robert Fleck left us and went to Chelsea," Chase said. "He achieved everything he wanted, the money, London ... the only thing he hasn't had is success. David Phillips went to Nottingham Forest this season for double the salary of our highest paid player, but he also has missed out on our success, he hasn't played in and been admired in the San Siro."

And, still pressed by questions of money, Chase does not flinch when the subject of a foreign club eyeing Walker as manager is raised.

"If somebody offered Mike three-quarters of a million, of course he would go, and good luck to him. But I have to ask, would he survive the chairman?"

If, as has been speculated, the interest in Walker is from Atlético Madrid, then Walker would be advised to look at the hire and fire record of the Atlético chairman, Jesus Gil, and might imagine himself lasting only three months. There will, the Norwich chairman concedes, be a better offer for Walker to stay. Chase concludes: "When an artist goes out to paint a great picture, he doesn't argue about the price. Perhaps after he's done it he might argue several times, but he paints it first." The canvas at Norwich is half finished.

Bremen leader may still go to Japan

THE architect of Werder Bremen's remarkable comeback in the European Champions League group B match against Anderlecht on Wednesday night revealed yesterday that he was considering an offer to play in Japan next season.

Werder fear that they will lose the services of Wynton Rufer, the New Zealand international striker, who is being pursued by a Japanese side. In a match of considerable changes of fortune, Rufer scored twice as the German side came from 3-0 down to defeat Anderlecht 5-3, with all their goals coming in the last 24 minutes.

Rufer leaves for Japan on December 14 to follow up an enquiry from the unnamed J-League club. Willi Lemke, the Bremen manager, is unhappy about the possible loss of Rufer. Lemke said: "We'll talk to him early in the New Year about a contract, once he's got an impression of Japan."

Paul Gascoigne is not certain to make his comeback for Lazio in Sunday's home game with Juventus. Gascoigne, the subject of transfer speculation this week — Leeds were one club reported to be interested in luring back the England international — has played only four times this season.

Gascoigne is recovering from an ankle problem but Dino Zoff, the Lazio coach, is undecided whether to play him instead of Thomas Doll, of Germany.

Zoff said: "Paul has been training and working with the other players but we'll draw our conclusions only at the weekend."

Gianluca Vialli, the Juventus striker, may be out for the rest of the season after breaking a bone in his left foot for the second time.

Footballer of charm and ready wit

David Miller recalls some of the finest achievements of a great captain for both club and country



Blanchflower holds aloft the FA Cup after Tottenham's triumph in 1962

Sitting in his car in the car park at White Hart Lane, a week before the FA Cup final of 1961, it was difficult to persuade Danny Blanchflower to talk about whether Tottenham Hotspur could achieve the elusive double. He preferred, typically, to discuss the *game*. With his going, football has lost not merely an incomparable player, a unique captain, a romantic, and a humourist, but one of the game's few true intellectuals.

"The beauty of football is it's democracy," he mused in the car park. "Out there on the pitch, there are no lies. You win by judgment, or lack of it, by luck, or by bad luck."

He had, too, an even more precious maxim: that football is not about winning, but about glory, for he understood that seemingly impossible contradiction, that of glory in defeat.

Emotionally, he sat at the feet of Peter Doherty, that wonderful Irish inside forward and later manager who guided Northern Ireland to the World Cup quarter-finals in 1958. "He was the great North Star that twinkled in the heavens, promising untold glory, beckoning me to follow," Blanchflower recalled.

If his eyes were the kind that make a woman smile, Blanchflower was one of the few footballers to have made men smile in mute appreciation.

His mastery of a ball was the delight and envy of any boy or man who ever watched his cunning craft, and the inspiration of his colleagues. Yet he was self-effacing about his ability.

"I have to work it all out up here," he would say, tapping his forehead, conscious of his seeming slow-footedness, though in truth, he was as neat as a cat-burglar in the night. His art of conversation could be consuming. A fellow genius, Jimmy McIlroy, used to tell how he seldom played as well for Ireland as for Burnley because, "Danny keeps me up all night talking".

If that was jest, Jimmy Greaves was serious. "I knew no one who could chip a pass with such precision, nor change the point of attack with such deceptive ease," Greaves has said. "I owed him a great deal. I received my impetus [at Tottenham] from Danny."

Reared, with his brother Jackie — a survivor of the Munich air crash — by his mother Selina, a shipyard worker who played inside right for Belfast Ladies, and studying maths and physics at St Andrews University before turning professional with Glentoran, he arrived at Tottenham via Barnsley and Villa; sent to the kitchen back door with the Rolls chauffeur while coal merchant Joe Richards, the Barnsley chairman, did the deal over lunch with Villa at the Midland Hotel, Derby. Signed by Arthur Rowe for Tottenham, he replaced Bill Nicholson at right half in 1954.

Characteristically, he refused the Tottenham directors' demand to give up his column for a national newspaper; the same wilful independence which made him turn his heels on the cameras of *This Is Your Life*. "I did it for personal reasons, and if I tell you, it's no longer personal", was his retort to questioners.

In 1958, Nicholson, now manager, made him captain. "He thought a lot of himself, and I thought a lot of him," Nicholson recalls. "He had imagination. He perceived what was happening, and provided answers — an extremely able captain because he communicated so well."

One of the celebrated stories at Tottenham is Blanchflower's studied contradiction of his manager's team talk prior to the Cup Winners' Cup final victory of 1963 in Rotterdam.

Counter-balancing Nicholson's severe pessimism, Blanchflower eased his team — he himself playing only weeks after a cartilage operation — with a stream of upbeat jokes.

If the ego was enormous, so was the gluttony for work, willingness to start training early pre-season, the hunger to be back from cross country runs. "He's in possession more than any two other players together." Rowe used to say.

The wit was equal with ball or words — a veritable Wilde. On captaincy: "Good captains, like dinosaurs, are threatened with extinction, hounded into a state of nervous nonentity by a pack of masterminds who inhabit the higher lands of the grandstand."

On Glentoran: "Arsenal came to play us, they only beat us 4-1, so we really won, morally."

On being dropped, to play in the reserves against Arsenal: "I suppose it will be all ticket."

On Tottenham's apparent superiority during the double year: "It appears that we appear to control, which is quite another matter."

On regularly losing heavily to England: "We change the whole team, so it looks like they did it against someone else."

Where does one begin in the flood of memories of his great matches, never mind the brilliance of drab days?

The victory against Leicester to complete the double was, in the event, an anti-climax.

My sharpest memory is of his masterful performance in the first round play-off against Czechoslovakia, to reach the World Cup quarter-final in 1958, when he was everywhere on the pitch, yet you never seemed to see him move.

Some will say his finest moment had been in 1959, dropped just before the New Year, returning in March to a losing team, and on a filthy, grassless wet pitch, inspiring a six-goal win over Leicester by the sheer power of his intelligence.

There have been few, if any, like him.

Tense wait for dismissed Ferdinand

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LES Ferdinand, the Queens Park Rangers and England striker, may face a Football Association disciplinary hearing for his outburst at the referee, Vic Callow, who sent him off during the FA Carling Premiership game at Anfield on Wednesday which Rangers lost 3-2.

Ferdinand was dismissed for his second bookable offence. The referee had blown for offside but the forward continued with the ball, then shot at goal.

The sending-off brought the Rangers manager, Gerry Francis, on to the pitch to try to calm his player. "Les said he never heard the whistle," Francis said. "The referee says he was interpreting the law but how can he interpret whether someone has heard a whistle? I thought it was harsh and a bit petty."

Eric Dinnie, an FA disciplinary spokesman, said: "I understand the player had already been ordered from the field of play when the incident occurred. We must wait and see the referee's report before deciding whether any action is appropriate. But if there is a charge to be answered the result could be a further ban and/or fine or simply a warning, depending on the perceived severity of the matter."

Before the Ferdinand incident, Simon Barker had been sent off for aiming a punch at Jamie Redknapp, of Liverpool.

Manchester City's celebrations after their first win in ten Premiership games were tempered when Carl Griffiths, scorer of their goal in the 1-0 win over Everton, was carried off.

With Niall Quinn and Adie Mike already sidelined by knee injuries, City officials feared the worst when Griffiths's leg locked after a challenge. But the injury proved to be no more than severe bruising and Griffiths hopes to play against Tottenham Hotspur tomorrow.

Paul Ince yesterday signed a six-year contract at Manchester United worth more than £2 million, leaving the goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel, as the only one of the leading players at Old Trafford yet to agree a long-term deal.

Leyton Orient, of the second division, have signed Ian Bogie, from Millwall, for £100,000. The Newcastle-born midfield player impressed the Orient manager, Peter Eustace, in the seven games he has played on loan in the past two months.

John Featherstone, a 60-year-old accountant, has taken over as chairman of Sunderland, in succession to Bob Murray, who stood down two weeks ago after dismissing the manager, Terry Butcher.

Welsh outcasts continue defiant stance

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL
BY WALTER GAMMIE

CONTINUED defiance was promised this week by the three Welsh non-league clubs whose refusal to join the Konica League of Wales had left them in exile in England.

They rejected an offer by the Football Association of Wales to be fitted into the Welsh football pyramid if they applied by the end of the year.

Instead, Newport AFC, Colwyn Bay and Caernafon Town, who chose to stay in the English non-league pyramid, have asked for a meeting with Gerhard Aigner, the secretary of Uefa, the European governing body.

Aigner had told Joe Wilson, the European Member of Parliament for North Wales, that Uefa would consider allowing the three clubs to return to their Welsh homes without the move prejudicing the Konica League.

The FA of Wales had argued that, by refusing to play in the Konica League, the clubs were jeopardising its status as a representative national league and endangering its clubs' entry into European competition.

The FA of Wales refused to budge from its position and dismissed the clubs' plea for it to put their case to Uefa to be allowed home in the light of Aigner's words.

Instead, the FA of Wales sent the clubs a letter that stated it was to "continue its policy that no club based in Wales and affiliated to the Football Association of Wales or its member area associations shall be permitted to play within any league in the English pyramid with the exception of Cardiff, Swansea, Wrexham and Merthyr.

"In the event of your club wishing to play in Welsh football in the 1994-5 season, their application must be made by December 31."

At the end of last season, Barri, who had been playing at Worcester City's ground, returned to play in the Abacus League, and, of the three clubs, Caernafon, on the northwest coast of Gwynedd, are the one whose determination has been most sapped by the loss of revenue from leaving its home base.

Newport AFC, in a second exile from Somerton Park, have a solid core of support and Colwyn Bay believe that their future is better served in travelling maybe 50 relatively easy miles to Merseyside and Cheshire than hacking down through Wales.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 105 Detroit 97; Boston 129 Sacramento 115; Philadelphia 95 Chicago 88 (OT). Portland 114 Minnesota 111, LA Clippers 100 Milwaukee 97, Utah 113 Washington 31, Seattle 109 San Antonio 107 (OT)

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Guildford 64 (Pearson 23, Miller 14) Barcelona 109 Group B: Caritu (It) 75 Panathinaikos (Gr) 65

LEAGUE TROPHY: Semi-final, first leg: Worthing 94 Thames Valley 88.

BIATHLON

SPORTGASTEIN, Austria: World Cup: 20km biathlon: 1, S Tarassov (Russia) 1 04.57 9 (3 shots missed), 2, R Gross (Ger) at 1.27.5 (2), 3, T Sikora (Pol) 1:40 8 (1), 4, F Luck (Ger) 1 44.2 (3), 5, J Passler (It) 1.54 0 (3), 6, S Gimsdal (Nor) 2:33.2 (2); 7, H Hanevold (Nor) 2:45 7 (2); 8, V Psarev (Russia) 2:49 0 (2); 9, I Schokoungalov (Belorus) 2:53 7 (4); 10, X Blond (Fr) 2 55 6 (3).

FOOTBALL

COLOMBIAN LEAGUE: Junior Barranquilla 3 Atletico Nacional 1; Medellin 3 America 2.

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Group I: Corinthians 2 Santos 1; Flamengo 1 Vitoria 1. Group II: Palmeiras 0 Remo 0

Group I

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pt
Vitoria	6	2	4	0	11	9	8
Corinthians	6	2	3	1	11	10	7
Santos	6	1	3	2	11	12	5
Flamengo	6	0	4	2	6	8	4

Group II

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pt
Palmeiras	6	4	2	0	10	3	10
Sao Paulo	6	4	1	1	8	5	9
Guarani	6	1	1	4	12	12	3
Remo	6	0	2	4	4	14	2

Vitoria and Palmeiras qualify for final.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY DRAW: Area quarter-finals: Northern section: Carlisle United v Mansfield Town, Lincoln City v Chester City; Stockport County v Scunthorpe United, Huddersfield Town v Crewe Alexandra. Southern section: Swansea City v Port Vale, Bournemouth or Leyton Orient v Brentford; Colchester United v Wycombe Wanderers, Fulham v Reading. Ties due to be played week beginning Jan 10, 1994.

Late results on Wednesday

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Group A: Spartak Moscow 0 Galatasaray (Tur) 0; Barcelona 2 Monaco 0. Group B: Werder Bremen (Ger) 5 Anderlecht (Bel) 3.

FA Carling Premiership Aston Villa 2 Sheffield Wednesday 2; Liverpool 3 Queens Park Rangers 2; Manchester City 1 Everton 0; Southampton 0 Ipswich Town 1; West Ham United 0 Leeds United 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Leicester City 1 Crystal Palace 1

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 1 Oxford Utd 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Rotherham 5, Grimsby 1; Hull 2 Preston 1.

BUDWEISER CUP: Semi-final: Clitonville 2 Ards 3

JEWSON LEAGUE: First division: Hadleigh 4 Brantham 2.

Matches postponed

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Wimbledon; Newcastle United v Coventry City.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Heart of Midlothian v Motherwell.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Bognor Regis v Billericay

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Evesham v Gloucester City.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Gusborough v West Auckland.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham v Newmarket.

FIGURE SKATING

TOKYO, NHK Cup International competition, Compulsory ice dance: 1, O Gritschuk and E Platov (Russia) 0 4 points, 2, I Romanova and I Yaroschenko (Ukraine) 0.8, 3, T Novika and S Gezalian (Byelorus) 1.2; 4, A Stergladu and J Rasgulaev (Uzbek) 1 6; 5, M Anessina and G Pezerat (Fr) 2.0; 6, E Stekolnikova and D Kazarlig (Kazak) 2.4.

GOLF

DURBAN: South Africa Open, first round: (South African unless stated): 62: J Bland, 64: A Johnstone (Zim), 66: I Hutchings, C Davison (GB), E Els, B Lane (GB), W Wiinsnes, 67: M Galant, H Buhrmann, I Leggatt (Can), M McNulty (Zim), 68: R Kaplan, M Jonas, R Muntz (Hol), J Cheatham (GB), D Gammon, R Stewart 70: O Drawdy (US), R Goosen, C Baron (GB), 71: J Johnson (US), A Pitts (US), E Ashcroft (US), C Williams (GB), P Haugsrud (Nor) 72: D Crawford (GB), S Warnerfelt (Swe), B Pearcy (Can), 73: G Harvey (GB), A Bossort (Switz), 74: J Rasmussen (Den).

AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open, first round: 65: B Faxon (US) 66: M Berry (Aus), 67: J Kay (Can), R Whitlock (Aus), J Woodland (Aus), R Green (Aus) 68: P Fowler (Aus), G Kenny (Aus), E Droop (Aus), M Campbell (NZ), G Turner (NZ), G Wells (NZ), S Ginn (Aus), E Boult (NZ).

OKINAWA, Japan: Daikyo Open (Japanese unless stated): 65: N Sanzenez, 66: H Meshiai, 67: T Suzuki, S Fujii, S Ikeuchi, K Idoki, B Franklin (Can), M Aoki, T Nakamura. Other foreign scores: 68: P McWhinney (Aus), Hsieh Min-nan (Taiwan) 70: Chen Tze-chung (Taiwan), P Senior (Aus), M Ferguson (Aus), 71: R Gibson (Can), Kyi Hla Han (Burma), W Smith (Aus), 72: D Ishii (US), 74: F Hemers (Col), 76: C Warren (Aus), B Hughes (Aus)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Vancouver 4 Hartford 1, Buffalo 3 Ottawa 1, New Jersey 4 Montreal 2, Dallas 3 Pittsburgh 2; NY Rangers 1 Edmonton 1 (OT), Winnipeg 5 Toronto 4; Florida 6 Los Angeles 5

NORDIC SKIING

ANDELSBUCH, Austria: Combined team event: Ski jump: 1, Japan I 463.5pts, 2, Finland I 433, 3, Japan II 429 5, Cross country (15km): 1, Norway I 40min 56.2sec, 2, France II 41:56.5, 3, France I 43:29.9, Overall: 1, Japan I; 2, Norway I at 1min 33sec, 3, Finland I 1.49.6

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Ryedale York 0 Huddersfield 8

SKIING

TIGNES, France: World Cup, Freestyle: Ballet: Men: 1, F Backer (Fr) 25.60 pts, 2, H Baumgartner (Switz) 24.25, 3, R Franco (It) 22.40; 4, A Wasa (Ger) 21.80, 5, M Christensen (Can) 21.60, 6, S Andresen (Nor) 21 40; 7, R Kristiansen (Nor) 21 05, 8, S Rosenbaum (US) 19.40 Women: 1, O Kutschenko (Russia) 24.95, 2, E Breen (US) 23.60, 3, N Drekhova (Russ) 22.45, 4, V Simpson (GB) 21 95; 5, L Rosenbaum (US) 21.55, 6, C Peary (Switz) 20.75, 7, K Kibenk (Can) 15.30; 8, C Fechoz (Fr) 12.50

TENNIS

TRIESTE, Italy: European men's team championship: First round: Czech Republic 2 Great Britain 1 (T Henman lost to J Novak 7-5, 7-6, M Srnaba bt M Maclagan 6-2, 6-3, Mactagan and D Saapsford bt B Unkrach and T Zdrazila 4-6, 6-2, 6-4)

MUNICH, Grand Slam Cup, Quarter-final: M Stich (Ger) bt B Steven (NZ) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Cobbing takes flight in search of gold

David Powell reports from Val d'Isère on the Briton aiming to reach dizzy heights in aerial skiing

RICHARD Cobbing always wanted to be a stuntman in the movies. Then the Olympics decided to award medals for aerial skiing. Now Cobbing is not fussed about becoming a stuntman. Instead, he has visions of a career in sport, as the first Olympic champion of aerial skiing.

Cobbing describes it as the sport of "controlled madness". He is a man well qualified to judge what is mad and what is not. He used to earn his living as a high diver, performing twists and somersaults five times a day from an 85ft tower into a small dolphin pool. He is in the *Guinness Book of Records* for making 51 somersaults in a minute on a trampoline while wearing skis. He has a metal plate in his collarbone because his thirst for adventure on his mountain bike exceeded his skill.

Cobbing, though, is no Eddie Edwards-style Winter Olympic clown. When the World Cup aerials season opens here today, he will be seeking a win.

At the freestyle skiing world championships last winter, in only his second full season after switching from international trampolining, Cobbing won an aerials silver medal. It was Britain's first world championship skiing medal for 57 years and, should Cobbing be true to form in Lillehammer in February, he would be the first Briton to win an Olympic medal on skis.

Plans are advanced in anticipation of Cobbing's journey into the national consciousness at the Winter Olympics. The Foundation for Sport and the Arts has promised £100,000 for a water ramp to be built in Britain next year.

The ramp is a dry ski slope with a jump into water, an essential training tool for the freestyle skier and a place to teach youngsters inspired by Cobbing. "You can reach a high standard just by using the water ramp," Cobbing said.

Until now, frequent trips to Evian, France, have been necessary for Cobbing, although sponsorship by Evian Water has helped to foot his bills. "I am from a non-skiing background and proof you can succeed." It was not until December 1989, after four days on the Evian water ramp, that Cobbing began to learn how to ski.

Cobbing's routine sends him shooting into the air, 40ft above the ground; before he lands, he twists his body through three back-somersaults and 1,440 degrees. He is, by the standards of aerial skiing, a conservative performer. Most of his rivals go for one more twist than Cobbing.

He believes the extra risk is not worth taking. "It is such a precision sport," Cobbing, 26, from Lightwater, Surrey, said. "If you touch one hand on the snow when you land you are not going to win the Olympics. It is finding the balance between difficulty and style. My strong point is my style in the air. Style in the air is worth 50 per cent of the judges' marks, landing 30 per cent and take-off 20 per cent. Each competitor takes two jumps. "I want to cash in on my strong points," Cobbing added.

"I am still new compared with the other competitors. Ninety-five per cent have been skiing all their lives." From the age of six to 22, Cobbing's first sport was trampolining. He was seventh in the world championships in Paris in 1986 and won the World Games in 1989. Britain's last Winter Olympic medal-winners were Torvill and Dean, in 1984. Cobbing joins Torvill and Dean, again, and Mark Tout, in the bobsleigh, as British medal contenders for Lillehammer. "There is money to be made," Cobbing said, recognising what success can do.

For a former high diver who earned £200 a week, the commercial spin-off of being an Olympic champion will seem riches indeed. Enough to make his head spin, if it is possible for an aerial skier to suffer from dizziness.



Cobbing: conservative performer

minister who calls for the abolition

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Wyatt dismissive of Tote takeover initiative by BHB

By Julian Muscat

THE ambition of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) to gain control of the Tote in the medium term has been dismissed by Lord Wyatt, chairman of the pool betting organisation, who said yesterday that any transfer of powers would not take place before the end of the decade.

The BHB chairman, Lord Hartington, said at the board's 'initial strategy for racing' blueprint in London on Wednesday that he hopes to open discussions with Wyatt early next year. Hartington suggested the BHB's chances of achieving control of the Tote Board were greater with Wyatt at the helm. Wyatt's term of office expires in 1995.

But Wyatt, in dismissing such rapid developments, argued that the fledgling BHB would first have to prove itself capable of managing the racing industry over a period of years. "It may be possible one day — if the BHB is effective — for it to nominate members to the Tote Board in consultation with the then-chairman of the Tote" he said. The Home Office currently has responsibility for these appointments.

Wyatt also warned of the inherent dangers in such a proposal: "If you change the relevant act for that to happen, the Tote will then be in the private arena; it will be regarded as a privatisation. Anyone will be in a position to bid for the Tote. We don't have a monopoly. What we have is an exclusive Tote licence.

"The whole thing could fall apart," he continued. "Racing might think they have got this marvellous jewel only to find it could crumble to ashes in their hands. And even if you did this, you would still have to make sure the BHB didn't have anything to do with running the Tote."

Many factions within the sport believe the Tote could be operated more profitably by the BHB for greater benefit to racing, but Wyatt rejected that idea. "There would be too many voices vying for the Tote's funds. I think the Tote is very well placed at the moment. Why on earth take on something that is working well and alter it?"

Asked how long it might be before the BHB could assume responsibility for the Tote, Wyatt said, a shade tongue in cheek: "A long time, perhaps around 12 years. I won't be around; I will probably be under the sod by then."

The Tote is also bidding, as part of a syndicate, to play a role in running the national lottery, which Wyatt described as a vastly different concept from the proposed Superbet.

"The Superbet will attract people who at least know something about racing, but the national lottery is clearly a game of numbers in one form or another. It will attract an entirely different audience."

The BHB and the Tote are working jointly on launching the Superbet, in which punters will be asked to nominate the first six home in a competitive televised handicap every Saturday afternoon. Both sides are optimistic the Superbet will be operational within 12 months, although its launch depends on between 3,000 and 4,000 betting shops accepting the Tote Direct terminals which feed off-course bets into the racecourse pool.

The reluctance of Ladbrokes and William Hill, the two largest off-course betting chains, to install Tote Direct into their 3,200 shops makes the provision for enough outlets for the Superbet that much more difficult. But Wyatt argued the success or failure of the project was not in the hands of Ladbrokes and Hills alone. "It need not necessarily involve them, although it would obviously be easier if they joined in. There are 9,000 betting shops out there, so it can be done without them."

Wyatt, long-standing chairman of the Tote, was unwilling to discuss whether he was hoping to secure a further extension beyond 1995. However he made it clear he intended to groom his successor for the post. "Before I go I want to make sure that somebody will do the job properly," he said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BOOK OF MUSIC
(12.35 Cheltenham)
Next best: Dr Rocket
(1.10 Cheltenham)

Shaikh aims for Royal Ascot success

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

PETER Chapple-Hyam will train four two-year-olds for Shaikh Mohammed at Manton next year as Europe's leading owner increases his efforts to achieve Royal Ascot glory. The Shaikh has also rewarded David Loder and Mark Johnston with increased patronage following the outstanding start to their training careers.

Loder sent out 46 winners from Sefton Lodge in his first season as a trainer last summer. He is being sent nine yearlings, including two belonging to close friends of Shaikh Mohammed, compared to four last year.

Johnston, who is based in Middleham and took out his trainer's licence six years ago, is receiving six yearlings after achieving a 100 per cent success rate for the Shaikh last season.

"He had one horse, Pearl Kite, that ran once and won once," Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Shaikh Mohammed, said yesterday. "He did an amazing job because the horse was crooked in front and was not the most taking individual. We feel it is important to support the North."

The link-up with Manton, owned by Robert Sangster, is a natural follow-on from the business deals involving two of the Turf's best known owners. In the autumn, the Shaikh paid Sangster $2.6 million for four two-year-olds, Balanchine, State Performer, Shepton Mallet and Escarpment.

Sangster visited Dubai a month ago to see the new racing complex and came away impressed. "Obviously there is a tie-up with Balanchine. Robert Sangster is a great sportsman and also a friend of Shaikh Mohammed," Stroud said.

In an interesting development, the Shaikh is increasing his yearling allocation in Britain by around 40 while his numbers in France remain stable. The subtle change reflects a policy decision aimed at having more horses ready for Royal Ascot, especially the valuable two-year-old races.

The Shaikh's maroon and white silks have been notable by their absence in Royal Ascot's winner's enclosure in recent years. Learmont, winner of the King George V handicap, was his lone success at this year's royal meeting, while Landowner was the only winner 12 months earlier.

"At the sales this year we made a conscious effort to buy more precocious two-year-old types. As a rule these horses have to be trained in England if you want to have a Royal Ascot two-year-old, and we have tried to get this type of horse," Stroud added.

The increased yearling allocation will also benefit the Shaikh's longstanding trainers. Michael Stoute and Henry Cecil, the only British handlers to have given him English classic success, are each having their numbers increased following cutbacks last year.

Stoute, who trained Opera House to win the Coronation Cup, the Eclipse Stakes and the King Edward VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, is receiving 26 yearlings from Darley Stud management, which oversees Shaikh Mohammed and Shaikh Ahmed's racing interests. That compares to 17 last year, and 27 and 24 in the two previous years.

Cecil's allocation is also being stepped up to 24, compared to 17 and 27 in the two previous seasons. Luca Cumani is receiving 23 yearlings, five more than in 1992.

John Gosden, who came to England from the United States in 1988 as the Shaikh's main trainer, is receiving around 20 per cent of the yearling allocation and remains his principal handler.



Peter Chapple-Hyam, left, and Mark Johnston are both to train for Shaikh Mohammed next season

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER
12.00 Spring Marathon
12.35 Golden Spinner
1.10 Dr Rocket
1.45 Propaganda
2.20 See More Indians
2.55 LIGHT VENEER (nap)
3.30 Countorus

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.00 MYSILV.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

12.00 CHARLTON KINGS NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-0: £2,949: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

101 1 SPRING MARATHON 27 (C,S) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 11-7 P Holley 80
102 54111 MY BALLYBOY 7 (G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 11-3 N Mann 83
103 5 DUVEEN 6 (BF) (Fat Boys Racing) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 C Llewellyn 72
104 ELBURG 34F (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 11-0 M Hoad —
105 4 GROUND NUT 6 (V McCalla) Miss H Knight 11-0 J Osborne 78
106 TONY'S MIST 30F (E Hayward) J Bradley 11-0 R Farrant (3) —
107 2 WHO'S THE BEST 35F (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 11-0 T Jarvis 79
108 1 BAJAN AFFAIR 27 (G) (Leading Star Racing) Miss L Siddall 10-12 A Thornton (3) 65
109 1 MYSILV 23 (G) (Million In Mind Partnership) D Nicholson 10-12 A Maguire ⓑ
110 FOREVER SHINEING 81F (M Foy) S Mellor 10-9 M Parrott —

BETTING: 5-2 Mysilv, 4-1 Spring Marathon, 7-1 Bajan Affair, Duveen, Ground Nut, My Ballyboy, 10-1 others.

1992: BEAUCHAMP GRACE 10-9 R Dunwoody (12-1) D Nicholson 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPRING MARATHON beat Wings Cove 2½l in a 9-runner novice hurdle on the Old course here (2m 110yd, soft). MY BALLYBOY completed treble, beat Buglet neck in a 7-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2l, good). GROUND NUT 11¾l 4th of 14 to Admiral's Well in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good) with DUVEEN 6l 5th. WHO'S THE BEST 8l 2nd of 8 to Burnt Imp in a novice hurdle at Cartmel (2m 1l 110yd, firm). BAJAN AFFAIR beat Chiapucci 1½l in a 21-runner novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). MYSILV beat Destiny Calls 30l in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good).
Selection: SPRING MARATHON

12.35 BRISTOL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,998: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

201 0644-11 SKEOUGH 80F (F,G) (Mrs R Wilson) J Webber 5-11-7 R Bellamy —
202 863-1P JULIOS GENIUS 7 (F) (Mrs P Jubert) B Meehan 6-11-4 A Maguire 92
203 4-01114 KYTTON CASTLE 6 (D,G,S) (Joint Partnership) R Dickin 6-11-2 D Meredith (3) 82
204 3055-3 BOOK OF MUSIC 13 (Mrs D Lousada) J Gifford 5-11-0 D Murphy 93
205 103-22 GOLDEN SPINNER 21 (S) (Mrs Hugh Maitland-Jones) N Henderson 6-11-0 R Dunwoody 88
206 0/2-3 GRAHAM GOOCH 69 (The Slipstream Partners) G Balding 7-11-0 J Frost 69
207 2300-00 IVOR'S FLUTTER 13 (B) (W Perry) D Elsworth 4-11-0 P Holley ⓑ
208 00 LOYAL GAIT 30 (A Darlington) A J Wilson 5-11-0 L Harvey —
209 04- MARANO 193 (P Davenport) Mrs N Sharpe 5-11-0 M Bosley —
210 0-00 MARINERS MEMORY 11 (R Cawthorn) R Brazington 5-11-0 W Humphreys —
211 MISS CRUISE (C Bowlett) N Babbage 6-10-9 S Earle —

BETTING: 7-4 Golden Spinner, 4-1 Kytton Castle, 5-1 Book Of Music, 6-1 Julios Genius, 7-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SKEOUGH beat Nemuro ¾l in an 11-runner novice hurdle at Galway (2m, good to firm). JULIO'S GENIUS beat Tour Leader 12l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5l, good to firm). KYTTON CASTLE beat Brodessa 7l in a 7-runner novice handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 4l, good). BOOK OF MUSIC 12l 3rd of 19 to Large Action in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) with IVOR'S FLUTTER 22l 9th. GOLDEN SPINNER 20l 2nd of 5 to Top Spin in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4l, good). GRAHAM GOOCH 6l 3rd of 13 to Dance Partout in a novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4l 110yd, good).
Selection: BOOK OF MUSIC

1.10 KINETON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,987: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

301 1403-F2 WHATEVER YOU LIKE 10 (BF,D,G,S) (Just For Fun Racing) P Nicholls 9-12-0 D Hobbs (5) 87
302 62132-1 MULBANK 24 (D,F,S) (I Shaw) P Hobbs 7-11-2 M Hourigan ⓑ
303 3632-21 DR ROCKET 34 (D,F,G,S) (The Rocketeers) R Dickin 8-11-0 D Meredith 98
304 P114-14 PATS MINSTREL 30 (B,D,F,G,S) (K Hunt) R Champion 8-10-11 A Thornton 91

BETTING: 6-4 Mulbank, 2-1 Dr Rocket, 4-1 Whatever You Like, 11-2 Pats Minstrel.

1992: UP-A-POINT 7-10-0 B Clifford 3-1 (P Hobbs) 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHATEVER YOU LIKE 7l 2nd of 7 to Kanndabil in a claiming chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). MULBANK beat Al Hashimi 10l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, soft). DR ROCKET beat The Green Stuff 3½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good) with WHATEVER YOU LIKE close 4th when falling 2 out. PATS MINSTREL beat Winning Charlie short-head in an 11-runner handicap chase at Listowel (2m 4l, good to soft).
Selection: DR ROCKET (nap)

1.45 ANNIE AT THE EVERYMAN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,890: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

401 221221 NAHAR 10 (G) (R Cross) S Dow 8-12-2 (6ex) A Dicken (5) 91
402 5036-14 STATAJACK 8 (B,BF,G) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 5-11-2 P Holley 95
403 244UFF KING'S SHILLING 14 (D,F,G) (K Pinfield) C Broad 8-11-1 Jacqui Oliver 98
404 360-231 MONDAY CLUB 16 (F,G) (J Tuck) J Tuck 9-10-13 D Meade (7) 87
405 01-3 PROPAGANDA 8 (F) (Bloomsbury Stud) N Henderson 5-10-12 M A Fitzgerald 92
406 4040-22 ALBERTITO 23 (G,S) (T Conroy) R Hollinshead 6-10-11 A Maguire ⓑ
407 45364-1 SAND-DOLLAR 22 (F,G) (R Fry) J Old 10-10-10 S McNeill 95

BETTING: 5-2 Nahar, 3-1 Albertito, 6-1 Propaganda, Sand-Dollar, 13-2 Monday Club, 12-1 others.

1992: HAWTHORN BLAZE 6-11-3 P Scudamore (10-11 fav) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

NAHAR beat Change The Act ¾l in an 8-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2l, good). STATAJACK beat Martha's Son 1½l in a 6-runner handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). MONDAY CLUB beat Spring To Glory 5l in a 9-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). PROPAGANDA 5l 3rd of 9 to Here He Comes in a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good) with STATAJACK 4l 4th. ALBERTITO 3l 2nd of 5 to Mythical Storm in a handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft). SAND-DOLLAR beat Always Remember ¾l in a 6-runner handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm).
Selection: NAHAR

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101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.20 ALLIED DUNBAR NOVICES CHASE (BBC2)
(£4,834: 3m 1f 110yds) (6 runners)

501 U0-3216 EARTH SUMMIT 21 (B,BF,G,S) (N Payne) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 C Llewellyn 86
502 /522/11 SEE MORE INDIANS 30 (F,G,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 6-11-6 G Bradley ⓑ
503 216P-54 ASK FOR MORE 14 (B,S) (D Stam) J Edwards 8-10-12 N Williamson 87
504 PP SPARTAN FLAPJACK 10 (B Bassett) D Bassett 7-10-12 Miss L Blackford —
505 P-U WILD FORTUNE 10 (P Baring) P Baring 11-10-12 M A Fitzgerald —
506 313-FFB GABRIELLA MIA 14 (S) (T Lyons) A Jarvis 8-10-7 T Jarvis —

BETTING: 1-2 See More Indians, 5-2 Earth Summit, 10-1 Ask For More, 25-1 Gabriella Mia, 100-1 Spartan Flapjack, Wild Fortune.

1992: TRAVELLING WRONG 6-11-3 R Dunwoody (5-4 fav) D Nicholson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

EARTH SUMMIT 30l 6th of 7 to Spikey in a novices handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good). Previously finished alone to win a 4-runner novice chase at Haydock (3m, good). SEE MORE INDIANS beat Run Up The Flag 30l in 8-runner grade II Aga Novices Chase at Worcester (2m 7l, soft) with ASK FOR MORE (4lb better off) tailed off 5th. ASK FOR MORE 16l 4th of 9 to Mr Flanagan in a novice chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, good) with GABRIELLA MIA brought down 9 out.
Selection: SEE MORE INDIANS

2.55 FOOD BROKERS FISHERMAN'S FRIEND HANDICAP CHASE (£10,358: 3m 1f 110yd) (8 runners) (BBC2)

601 P011-33 TOPSHAM BAY 41 (CD,F,G,S) (Sir E Parker) D Barons 10-11-10 J Frost 95
602 1P110-1 FLASHING STEEL 15 (B,S) (C Haughey) J Mulhern (Ire) 8-11-2 R Dunwoody 94
603 111-FP0 FLASHTHECASH 13 (CD,F,S) (Dr G Madan Mohan) G Balding 7-10-5 D Murphy 98
604 1121-54 SUPERIOR FINISH 13 (D,G,S) (Daresol Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-3 J Osborne ⓑ
605 1FUF4U- DUNTREE 237 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 8-10-1 A Maguire 94
606 11P-411 LIGHT VENEER 13 (CD,F,G,S) (L Jones) Mrs M Jones 8-10-0 M A Fitzgerald 98
607 0211-1F USHERS ISLAND 20 (C,BF,F,G) (R Bowden) J Johnson 7-10-0 N Williamson 97
608 122-P21 INDIAN TONIC 20 (G,S) (Mrs J Richards) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-0 C Maude 92

Long handicap: Ushers Island 9-6, Indian Tonic 9-7.

BETTING: 3-1 Light Veneer, 7-2 Flashing Steel, 9-2 Superior Finish, Ushers Island, 7-1 Duntree, 8-1 Indian Tonic, 14-1 Topsham Bay, 16-1 Flashthecash.

1992: DUNTREE 7-10-3 H Davies (14-1) D Nicholson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOPSHAM BAY 3½l 3rd of 7 to Latest Talent in a handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good). FLASHING STEEL beat Commercial Artist 20l in a 4-runner chase at Naas (2m 4l, soft). SUPERIOR FINISH beat Mushaweasig 10l in a 4-runner novice chase at Ayr (3m 1l, good) final start last season. LIGHT VENEER beat Moorcroft Boy 5l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2l, good) with SUPERIOR FINISH (11lb better off) 6l 4th. Previously beat INDIAN TONIC 4l in a handicap chase on the Old course here (3m 1l, good) with SUPERIOR FINISH (18lb better off) 8½l 5th and FLASHTHECASH tailed off when pulled up. USHERS ISLAND beat Dawson City 2½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4l 110yd, good) on penultimate start. INDIAN TONIC beat Southern Minstrel 6l in an 11-runner handicap chase at Aintree (3m 3l, good) with USHERS ISLAND challenging strongly when falling 2 out.
Selection: USHERS ISLAND

3.30 ASW BILL LOVE MEMORIAL GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,186: 3m 110yd) (13 runners) (BBC2)

1 21002-1 SILLARS STALKER 27 (C,F,G,S) (Sillars Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 5-11-10 W Marston 91
2 P112-11 AAHSAYLAD 49 (B,D,F,G,S) (Ms M Horan) J White 7-11-10 A Maguire 92
3 513/5F-0 LYPHENTO 10 (C,F,G,S) (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 9-11-9 P Hide (3) —
4 402110- METAL OISEAU 225 (B,CD,G,S) (F Ivory) J Moore 5-11-2 A Charlton 94
5 132/811 DARK HONEY 6 (D,G,S) (R Sayer) S Dow 8-11-2 (6ex) A Dicken (5) 90
6 33-1P14 COUNTORUS 22 (D,BF,G) (D Gill) J Johnson 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 89
7 413222 NEWTON POINT 27 (C,F,G) (PPS Racing Partnership) T George 4-10-11 T Jenks (5) 98
8 22310-2 PAMBER PRIORY 28 (G,S) (D Makins) T Thomson Jones 10-10-8 B Rowe 91
9 0313-06 CORACO 13 (S) (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 6-10-3 D Bridgwater 88
10 54151P/ FLYER'S NAP 651 (D,S) (R Tory) R Alner 7-10-1 S Earle —
11 22-2151 ULURU 11 (D,G) (P Morgan) C Nash 5-10-0 (4ex) — ⓑ
12 U32384 ELEGANT KING 55 (B,S) (L Fust) A Jarvis 4-10-0 T Jarvis 95
13 5/3/PP- TAXI LAD 293 (S) (R Brazington) R Brazington 9-10-0 W Humphreys —

Long handicap: Uluru 9-11, Elegant King 9-10, Taxi Lad 8-3.

BETTING: 5-2 Aahsaylad, 9-2 Sillars Stalker, 5-1 Dark Honey, 7-1 Uluru, 8-1 Countorus, 12-1 Metal Oiseau, 14-1 Newton Point, 16-1 Lyphento, Pamber Priory, Coraco, 20-1 Elegant King, 33-1 Flyer's Nap, 100-1 Taxi Lad.

1992: SWEET DUKE 5-10-10 P Scudamore (7-2 fav) N Twiston-Davies 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SILLARS STALKER beat NEWTON POINT (13lb better off) 6l in a 6-runner handicap hurdle on the Old course here (3m 2l, soft). AAHSAYLAD beat Emerald Sunset 5l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good). METAL OISEAU beat Hurricane Blake ¾l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. DARK HONEY beat Wick Pound 2l in a 16-runner handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6l, good to soft). COUNTORUS 2¼l 4th of 11 to Bonanza in a handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 6l, good to soft). PAMBER PRIORY 2l 2nd of 12 to Fair Brother in a handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5l, good). ULURU survived a blunder two out to beat Martood 5l in a 16-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (3m, good).
Selection: AAHSAYLAD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Mellor	3	9	33.3	R Dunwoody	49	219	22.4
D Nicholson	34	147	23.1	J Frost	14	75	18.7
D Barons	13	61	21.3	N Mann	5	30	16.7
N Twiston-Davies	19	91	20.9	D Meredith	3	19	15.8
N Henderson	19	94	20.2	A Maguire	14	90	15.6
T Thomson Jones	3	15	20.0	D Bridgwater	5	33	15.2

TODAY'S RACES ON-TELEVISION

CHELTENHAM
BBC2

2.20: See More Indians is the clear form choice. His latest success was boosted when the runner-up, Run Up The Flag, won comfortably last Saturday. However, he was not foot-perfect when winning at Worcester. Sloppy fencing would allow Earth Summit to score.

2.55: Light Veneer is the likely favourite having already beaten Superior Finish, Flashthecash and Indian Tonic. However, **Flashing Steel** is taken to win a fascinating contest. He was arguably the best novice in Ireland last season, and although having a tendency to jump to the right, he has won on left-handed courses.

3.30: Sillars Stalker is almost two stones inferior to Aahsaylad on the Flat and may struggle to cope with the finishing speed of the Cesarewitch winner, who goes well fresh. However, both may be worth opposing and **Countorus** could prove the answer. Howard Johnson's hurdler has shown improved form this season, and today's return to three miles plus should suit.

Richard Evans

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
12.15 Ottoman Empire. 12.45 Port In A Storm. 1.20 Dragons Den. 1.55 Duhallow Lodge. 2.30 Gotta Be Joking. 3.0 Around The Horn. 3.30 Dunnohalm.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.15 SAUCY KIT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,129: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 12U1 POWLEYVALE 22 (D,G,S) B Rothwell 6-11-5 L Wyer ⓑ
2 3-21 ANOTHER NICK 32 (D,F) J Jefferson 7-11-4 P Williams (5) 88
3 6-01 OTTOMAN EMPIRE 6 (S) O Brennan 6-11-4 M Brennan 94
4 00 ANDRATH 30 D Jones 5-10-12 Mr G Hogan (7) 68
5 043- AURORA LAD 259 Mrs S Smith 6-10-12 R Guest 91
6 06 DYNAMITE DAN 10 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-12 M Dwyer —
7 0P-3 GRIFFINS BAR 25 Mrs P Sly 5-10-12 A Carroll 77
8 1-00 MASTER BAVARD 16 (B,G) M Saunders 5-10-12 V Slattery —
9 2280 MUST BE MAGICAL 9F J Mackie 5-10-12 R Supple 92
10 RAKES OF MALLOW O Prince 6-10-12 T Eley (5) —
11 2-53 TREVVEETHAN 35 Mrs S Austin 4-10-12 D Wilkinson 93
12 6-56 TITIAN GIRL 27 (B) Miss L Siddall 4-10-7 P Niven 82

7-4 Powleyvale, 7-2 Ottoman Empire, 4-1 Another Nick, 8-1 Griffins Bar, 10-1 Dynamite Dan, 12-1 Aurora Lad, 14-1 others.

12.45 GLASGOW PADDOCKS SELLING HURDLE
(£1,841: 2m 110yd) (15)

1 4211 PORT IN A STORM 10 (D,S) N Tinkler 4-12-0 E Husband (7) ⓑ
2 02-0 MILTON ROOMS 20 D Gerraton 4-11-8 K Davies (7) 98
3 0 SKIMMER HAWK 29 Bob Jones 4-11-8 V Smith 84
4 MARY MACBLAIN 39F J Harris 4-11-3 B Dalton —
5 SPRAY OF ORCHIDS 55F R Fahey 4-11-3 P Harley —
6 4313 AL FORUM 7 (BF,G) R Ingram 3-11-0 D O'Sullivan 96
7 0540 BIG GEM 35 M Chapman 3-10-8 W Worthington 87
8 23 MISSED THE BOAT 15 Miss S Wilton 3-10-8 H Davies 94
9 5 MR ABBOT 10 Mrs M Reveley 3-10-8 P Niven 86
10 0 RAVENSPUR 10 J Parkes 3-10-8 M Smith 87
11 THATCHED 81F R Barr 3-10-8 P Midgley (5) —
12 F EVE'S TREASURE 7 S Campion 3-10-3 S Lyons (5) —
13 00 MARIBELLA 9 S Gollings 3-10-3 A Dobbin —
14 P0 RYTHMIC RYMER 44 J Jefferson 3-10-3 M Dwyer —
15 5356 SUMMERS DREAM 24 Mrs P Barker 3-10-3 C Hawkins 98

9-4 Port In A Storm, 7-2 Missed The Boat, 4-1 Mr Abbot, 11-2 Al Forum, 13-2 Skimmer Hawk, 10-1 Ravenspur, 12-1 Big Gem, Milton Rooms, 14-1 Summers Dream, 16-1 others.

1.20 VULRORY'S CLOWN HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,948: 2m 3f 110yd) (6)

1 3012 PERSIAN HOUSE 22 (F,G,S) J Jefferson 6-11-10 M Dwyer 96
2 2F1- GNOME'S TYCOON 219 (F,G,S) R Phillips 7-11-10 J Railton ⓑ
3 F1BF DRAGONS DEN 27 (B,BF,F,G) S Sherwood 7-11-2 G Upton ⓑ
4 -326 PIMS GUNNER 32 (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-10-8 C Grant 97
5 6536 WIGTOWN BAY 8 (C,F,G,S) J Mackie 10-10-0 R Supple 98
6 -242 VULRORY'S CLOWN 46 (C,D,F,G,S) O Brennan 15-10-0 M Brennan 86

2-1 Persian House, 100-30 Dragons Den, 7-2 Gnome's Tycoon, 5-1 Pims Gunner, Wigtown Bay, 12-1 Vulrory's Clown.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Ramsden, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; M Pipe, 5 from 18, 27.8%; Mrs V Aconley, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 9 from 45, 20.0%; M Hammond, 3 from 16, 18.8%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 14 winners from 41 rides, 34.1%; L Wyer, 4 from 23, 17.4%; M Dwyer, 5 from 33, 15.2%; C Grant, 5 from 35, 14.3%. Only qualifiers.

1.55 NOREC NOVICES CHASE
(£3,002: 3m) (7)

1 3321 SPIRIT OF KIBRIS 13 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3 I Lawrence 91
2 2133 VELEDA II 29 (D,F,G) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-3 J Burke (5) 80
3 12-F DUHALLOW LODGE 15 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 6-10-12 R Guest ⓑ
4 62-P I'M TOBY 10 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12 M Dwyer —
5 3P-4 THE LIGHTER SIDE 42 (F,G) C Cowley 7-10-12 Judy Davies (7) 78
6 4F0- WESTWELL BOY 218 (G) P Beaumont 7-10-12 C Hawkins —
7 000- SOPHINI 279 Mrs A Tomkinson 5-10-5 D Byrne —

15-8 Duhallow Lodge, 9-4 Spirit Of Kibris, 4-1 Veleda II, 11-2 I'm Toby, 7-1 The Lighter Side, 20-1 Westwell Boy, 25-1 Sophini.

2.30 DOORKNOCKER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,110: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 40-1 GOTTA BE JOKING 13 (D,G) Miss H Knight 5-11-10 P Niven 98
2 322 ALLEGATION 49 (V,BF) M Pipe 3-11-5 M Foster 88
3 5-32 ARTIC WINGS 7 (BF) O Brennan 5-10-11 M Brennan 98
4 0-60 BARAHIN 7 R Ingram 4-10-8 D O'Sullivan 88
5 0/P CROOKED DEALER 23 (B) S Sherwood 6-10-7 G Upton —
6 0404 WELLSY LAD 21 D Chapman 6-10-6 R Garritty 97
7 05P- LEARNED STAR 374 J Eyre 8-10-1 A Mulholland 95
8 0-80 CARAGH BRIDGE 15 E Buckley 6-10-0 R Supple ⓑ
9 -PP5 MATUSADONA 14 J Harris 6-10-0 B Dalton —
10 006- STRATHBOGIE MIST 273 J Parkes 5-10-0 N Smith 89
11 P/P COOL PARADE 15 (B) J Norton 5-10-0 W Fry (7) —
12 0055 MONASTIC FLIGHT 35 B Rothwell 3-10-0 G Cahill (7) 90

2-1 Gotta Be Joking, 7-2 Allegation, 4-1 Artic Wings, 7-1 Wellsy Lad, 8-1 Barahin, 10-1 Monastic Flight, 14-1 others.

3.00 LOTTERY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,872: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 1151 MEGA BLUE 9 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-12-0 C Woodall (5) 91
2 P-F2 AROUND THE HORN 29 (BF,D,S) A Turnell 8-11-8 D Fortt (3) 94
3 3131 ABSALOM 20 (V,D,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-13 P Williams ⓑ
4 1542 WICKFIELD LAD 10 (D,S) N Babbage 10-10-0 T Jenks 92

7-4 Mega Blue, 9-4 Around The Horn, 5-2 Absalom, 4-1 Wickfield Lad.

3.30 PAST GLORIES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,674: 2m 110yd) (18)

1 ANNIE CARTER C Smith 4-11-0 S Mason (7) —
2 APACHE GOLD M Saunders 6-11-0 V Slattery —
3 0- ARLEY GALE 426 D McCain 5-11-0 Mr D McCain (5) —
4 4 BOLANEY GIRL 32 J J O'Neill 4-11-0 Miss Sue Nichol (7) —
5 BREAD OF HEAVEN R Evans 4-11-0 P Hide (3) —
6 0 CAPTIVA BAY 56 Mrs A Hewitt 4-11-0 S Wynne (3) —
7 CATCH THE PIGEON R Barr 4-11-0 P Midgley (5) —
8 P CEREAL GEM 9 W Haigh 5-11-0 W Dwan —
9 4 CHINO'S DELIGHT 20 J Wharton 4-11-0 Guy Lewis (7) —
10 CORN BOW J Chugg 4-11-0 Mr G Hogan (7) —
11 0- DUNNOHALM 273 Mrs J Ramsden 4-11-0 Mr S Swiers —
12 6 EMERALD QUEEN 20 O Brennan 4-11-0 R Moore (7) —
13 GAY'S GAMBIT M W Easterby 4-11-0 J Driscoll (7) —
14 3 GLANDALANE LADY 27 J J O'Neill 4-11-0 R McGrath (7) —
15 LEXY LADY C Brooks 5-11-0 Mr E James (7) —
16 MISS PALEFACE R Frost 5-11-0 R Darke (7) —
17 QUADRAPOL S Christian 4-11-0 P Mellis (7) —
18 SKIDDAW SAMBA Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0 M Herrington (7) —

3-1 Lexy Lady, 4-1 Skiddaw Samba, 5-1 Glandalane Lady, 6-1 Bolaney Girl, Dunnohalm, 8-1 Chino's Delight, Emerald Queen, Quadrapol, 10-1 Miss Paleface, 16-1 others.

☐ Today's meeting at Hexham was abandoned due to waterlogging after a midday inspection yesterday.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: heavy

12.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, HIGH GRADE (H Davies, 8-1); 2, Make Me Proud (L Wyer, 14-1); 3, Fox Chapel (M Dwyer, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav The Black Monk (6th), 7 Mecado (4th), 9 Comstock (5th), 12 Seorse, 14 Pandessa, 20 Secret Castle (pu), 33 Phalarope. 10 ran. NR: Mangrove Mist. 8l, 1l, ¾l, 4l, 6l. Miss S Wilton at Stoke-on-Trent. Tote: £17.50; £2.90, £5.00, £1.60. DF: £598.80. CSF: £109.90.

12.50 (2m hdle) 1, GIORDANO (Gary Lyons, 11-1); 2, The Premier Expres (L Wyer, 9-2); 3, Little Gunner (A Maguire, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Love You Madly (4th), 7-2 Damilune (6th), 15-2 On Golden Pond, 12 Anorak (5th), 16 Public Way (pu), 20 Keen And Clean (pu), 33 Target Line (pu). 10 ran. NR: Jasper One. ¾l, 3½l, hd, sh hd, 8l. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote: £16.20; £1.90, £1.50, £2.80. DF: £23.60. CSF: £62.36.

1.20 (4m 110yd ch) 1, ALL JEFF (G Bradley, 2-1: Thunderer's nap); 2, Moorcroft Boy (A Maguire, 13-8 fav); 3, Just So (S Burrough, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Mayoran (pu), 12 Boreen Owen (6th), Carousel Rocket (4th), 25 Clonroche Driller (5th). 7 ran. NR: Wheat Fettle. 2½l, 15l, 20l, 15l, dist. C Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: £2.80; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.11. Tricast: £19.77.

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, WITH IMPUNITY (C Llewellyn, 10-1); 2, Konvekta King (A Maguire, 2-7 fav); 3, Comedimian (Mr G Hogan, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Full Of Fire (4th), 25 Finlers (5th). 5 ran. 2½l, 12l, 1½l, 12l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £9.50; £3.00, £1.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £13.80.

2.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, EASY BUCK (C Maude, 11-8); 2, Wanderweg (H Davies, 7-1); 3, Greenfield Manor (T Reed, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Couldnt Be Better (f), 20 Chalie Richards (f). 5 ran. 3l, dist. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £3.90. CSF: £9.60.

2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, WIDE BOY (A Maguire, 7-4); 2, The Maltkiln (C Grant, 9-1); 3, Good For A Laugh (Mr D Parker, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Pinemartin (4th). 4 ran. 4l, 30l, 30l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £2.50. DF: £5.20. CSF: £12.09.

3.20 (1m 4f flat) 1, MISSY-S (Peter Scudamore, 4-5 fav); 2, My Swan Song (Peter Smith, 5-1); 3, Mo Ichi Do (Mike Watcher (4th), Taunting, 8 Nelegrity (pu), 10 Grand Rapids, 14 Safe Arrival (6th), 16 Come On Charlie, 33 Leolene Pokey, Mill de Lease (5th). 11 ran. NR: Castellani, Cosmic Force, Mistress Bee. 6l, 5l, 7l, 8l, 1½l. B Llewellyn at Bargoed. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.30, £13.90. DF: £3.10. Trio: £128.20. CSF: £7.01.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,993.13 carried forward to Cheltenham today).
Placepot: £53.40.

Fakenham

Going: good

12.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, WEEKDAY CROSS (J Railton, 7-1); 2, Pinecone Peter (M Brennan, 7-1); 3, Tristan's Comet (B Dalton, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Barchem (pu), 5 Ruth's Gamble (5th), 6 Basso, 7 Dalliston (pu), 15-2 Rarty's Dream, 9 Early Breeze (4th), 16 Mill Burn (pu), 25 Stylish Gent (6th), 33 Green's Trilogy, Hadleighs Choice (ur), Singing Gold (pu). 14 ran. 6l, 1l, 3l, 4l, 1l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £8.90; £2.50, £1.80, £3.20. DF: £10.70. Trio: £136.50. CSF: £63.67. Tricast: £486.20.

1.00 (2m 5l hdle) 1, GORTEERA (M Brennan, 4-5 fav); 2, Nagobelia (D Murphy, 2-1); 3, Millie (M Robinson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Emallen (4th), 50 Royal Battle (pu). 5 ran. 20l, 3l, 7l. O Brennan at Newark. Tote: £1.80; £1.70, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.63.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, COOL AND EASY (D Murphy, 15-8 fav); 2, Duo Drom (N Williamson, 3-1); 3, Stay On Tracks (Mr N King, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Call Me Early (4th), 10 Singlesole (pu). 5 ran. 15l, ¾l, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.56.

2.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, DRIVING FORCE (R Davis, 7-4); 2, Crooked Counsel (N Williamson, 11-8 fav); 3, Petmer (T Jenks, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Mr Jamboree (4th), 14 Rustic Gent (6th), 25 Sandmoor Prince (5th). 6 ran. 12l, 2l, 10l, 2½l, dist. Mrs M McCourt at Wantage. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.78.

2.30 (2m 5l 110yd ch) 1, BOLLINGER (D Murphy, 8-13 fav); 2, Unholy Alliance (N Williamson, 15-8); 3, Kev's Lass (P Murphy, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 33 Hickelton House (4th), 50 Stroked Again (5th). 5 ran. NR: Wings Of Freedom. Sh hd, 15l, 15l, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.30.

Taunton

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, CARDINAL BIRD (Chris Webb, 8-1); 2, Child Of The Mist (N Williamson, 11-4 fav); 3, Bewin (M Ahern, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Reggae Beat, 5 Arany (4th), 6 Northern Trial (6th), 8 Local Flyer (5th), 14 Victory Anthem, 20 Baby Ashley. 9 ran. Nk, 15l, 8l, 4l, 8l. S Mellor at Wanborough. Tote: £5.60; £1.70, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £9.00. Trio: £43.60. CSF: £23.74. Tricast: £98.36.

Placepot: £21.30.

Going: good to soft

12.40 (2m 1l hdle) 1, Seahi (J Osborne, 100-30); 2, Nanquidno (12-1); 3, Whatever's Right (12-1). Private Jet 11-4 fav. 14 ran. NR: Estihal, Lizzie Drippin. 10l, 2l. C Weedon. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £2.40, £5.00. DF: £18.30. CSF: £39.64.

1.10 (2m 3l ch) 1, Smartie Express (M A Fitzgerald, 9-1); 2, French Charmer (5-4 fav); 3, Montalino (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Laundryman. 15l, 25l. R Hodges. Tote: £8.10; £2.20, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £3.40. Trio: £9.00. CSF: £15.25. Tricast: £123.90.

1.40 (2m 1l hdle) 1, Mathal (D Matthews, 11-4); 2, Routing (25-1); 3, Arley (7-4 fav). 14 ran. 12l, ¾l. N Babbage. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £5.90, £1.30. DF: £15.70. CSF: £66.33.

2.10 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Duncan Idaho (W McFarland, 11-2); 2, Smiling Chief (12-1); 3, Mr Flutts (4-1 fav). 11 ran. ¾l, 1½l. R Callow. Tote: £4.60; £2.00, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £34.00. Trio: £29.80. CSF: £57.64. Tricast: £245.53.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Staunch Rival (J Frost, 12-1); 2, Road To Fame (7-1); 3, Frozen Drop (14-1). All For Luck 100-30 fav. 13 ran. NR: Hill Trix. 10l, 25l. G Thorner. Tote: £24.60; £3.40, £2.20, £5.50. DF: £78.00. Trio: not won. CSF: £86.70. Tricast: £1,090.58.

3.10 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Gort (J Leech, 8-1); 2, Alice Smith (33-1); 3, It's Delicious (20-1). Aparecida 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 2½l, 12l. Miss K Allison. Tote: £7.50; £3.30, £7.10, £4.80. DF: £210.80. Trio: £301.00. CSF: £203.71. Tricast: £4,545.41.

3.40 (2m 1l hdle) 1, Friendly Fellow (P Holley, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Wilkins (4-1); 3, Courageous Knight (20-1). Shaarid 5-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Snickersnee. 6l, 12l. D Elsworth. Tote: £4.60; £1.60, £2.30, £8.40. DF: £9.40. CSF: £109.46.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
Bord Gais League of Ireland
Premier division
Shelbourne v Dundalk (7.45)

RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
Second division
Dewsbury v Doncaster (7.30)

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Featherstone Rovers v St Helens (7.30). Hull v Widnes (6.0), Ryedale York v Bradford Northern (7.30), Wakefield Trinity v Batley (7.30), Warrington v Leeds (7.30).

BARLA LANCASHIRE CUP: Final: Thatto Heath v Woolston (7.30, at Liverpool St Helens RUFC).

ICE SKATING
BASINGSTOKE: British championships.

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Rare visit pays dividends for Gifford

JOSH Gifford made his first trip to Fakenham for eight years pay off by landing a short-priced double with Cool And Easy and Bollinger, both ridden by stable jockey Declan Murphy.

Cool And Easy, the 15-8 favourite, won the Stephenson Smart Handicap Chase by 15 lengths from Duo Drom, who was finishing runner-up for the seventh successive time.

However he had to work much harder on Bollinger, who won the Cottesmore Novices Chase. The 13-8 on favourite, 8lb better off for a neck defeat by Unholy Alliance on their previous meeting at Huntingdon, looked beaten at the last. But, switched to the inner, he responded to Murphy's driving to short-head the topweight on the line.

"He didn't jump as well as I hoped but he wanted three miles over hurdles and probably needs the same over fences," Gifford said.

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Seeking joy at ice station Basingstoke

Songsmiths and poets have cruelly neglected the town of Basingstoke. There is no Basingstoke Boat Song: "I love Basingstoke in the springtime" does not scan; if you had a couple of drinks on a Saturday, I doubt you would want Basingstoke to belong to you and a "Wonderful Town" Basingstoke is not.

"Excuse me, sir," I said to the station attendant at Waterloo, "is that the Basingstoke choo-choo?"

You leave from platform 7 at a quarter past five,
Read the Evening Standard *and then you're in Woking.*
Trolley service at Farnborough.
Sandwich will not harm yer . . . and then you're only 24 hours from Basingstoke.

The lot of the London-to-Southampton lyricist is not an enviable one. (For the record, if there was "a certain party at the station", I was not invited to it).



FREUD ON FRIDAY

The leisure complex is about two miles from the station. It has a ten-screen cinema, bowling alley and ice rink — home of the Basingstoke Beavers and this week host to the People's Phone British figure skating championship.

"Why are you doing this?" I asked the People's Phone woman.

"It is", she said, "a nice clean sport with which we are proud to be connected."

The ice rink is properly large, provides seating for nearly 2,000 people and there hangs over the place the familiar aroma of hamburgers and frying onions. A dozen video game machines encourage youth and there are many clothes rails where you can buy up-to-date shirts and blouses for amounts ending in 99p. Jars of Premium White Boot Polish, essential to well-turned-out figure skaters, are available.

The press room is situated in the creche — which makes for literate hacks: around the walls are posters reminding us that a is for apple, b for butterfly. S is for sandwich: also for salad cream which they contain though you had to find that out for yourself.

Up some stairs overlooking the rink is a BBC Television suite, for the Beeb have retaken figure skating from ITV and Alan Weekes, the most gentlemanly gentleman and knowledgeable commentator, is back in harness.

The first event is Senior Women's: ten contestants, likely to be a close-run thing between Natalia Gorbenko-Risk, late of the Ukraine, recently married to Mr Risk, who is Torvill and Dean's engineer; Emma Warmington, of Sunderland; and Charlene von Saher, who is as English as Lennox Lewis. Born in Wimbledon, she left for the United States when she was a year old, and is now back to claim her birthright.

Even with this influx of talent, watching British figure skating is akin to witnessing the 100 metres run by 11-second-plus sprinters: if we get anyone in the first 20 places in the Olympics, it will come as a surprise.

Gorbenko-Risk is dressed in gold, looks like a mature fairy from the top of a Christmas tree. Warmington wears the uniform of a Ruritanian lift boy with much gold cord and buttonry; von Saher wins the sartorial stakes with a simple black dress that misses one of her shoulders.

In the highest reaches of figure skating, there comes a moment when the demanding technique of the sport is translated into joy. Not at Basingstoke. Goodness, they skate with skill, application, dedication, courage . . . but their faces are set and their triple lutzes, salchows, double axels and flying camels are embarked upon with just that degree of apprehension that makes the audience pray when they should cheer.

Von Saher won, skating immaculately to music that sounded as if it was relayed by the plumbing. Warmington, dancing to a rendition of *Colonel Bogey*, fell on her triple lutz: the former Soviet skater performed admirably but with just a little less grace than the ex-Wimbledonian.

Stephanie Main, a 17-year-old from Edinburgh, who has been skating since the age of two and whose father plays ice hockey for Murrayfield, gave a performance that was rich with promise. And she smiled. And she did not fall. And she is almost certain to win the juniors; we shall hear about her in years to come.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Gorbenko-Risk displays poise and grace as she glides across the ice in the British figure skating championship

The crowd, some 250, were supportive and steadily ready to applaud a successful leap and rah-rah-rah announcements of scores, for both required element and presentation, which exceeded 5.3.

When it was done, when von Saher had told journalists: "No, I do not smile a lot" and "My flying camel was horrible", the resurfacing machine took to the ice. A huge, square, mechanised appliance the size of three water buffaloes with a low centre of gravity, it sprayed water as it scraped ice as it ploughed its way deliberately around the rink. I would have given it only about 1.8 for artistic impression.

There will be more figure skating tonight and tomorrow — and even if we are not among the leading nations of practitioners, there is always tomorrow. And there are Torvill and Dean who just may dance to *The Last Time I Saw Basingstoke My Heart Was Light and Gay.*

SPORT IN BRIEF

Senna receives suspended ban

AYRTON Senna, the three-times Formula One world motor racing champion, last night escaped exclusion from the opening grands prix of next season when he was given a suspended sentence for punching the Irish driver, Eddie Irvine, in the aftermath of the Japanese grand prix at Suzuka in October (Oliver Holt writes).

The world council of the International Automobile Federation (FIA), the sport's governing body, deliberated in Paris for three hours on the punishment for the Brazilian, who had just driven in his penultimate race for McLaren at the time of the incident and will race for Williams-Renault in 1994.

After they had heard evidence from both drivers, the world council decided on a two-race ban suspended for six months. Max Mosley, the FIA president, said: "Having regard to his very positive attitude and to the fact that there was a big element of provocation, his sentence is suspended for six months."

Whitley points taken

ICE HOCKEY: Whitley Warriors are angered at the latest ruling by the British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) that they must forfeit the points gained in a 6-4 win over Basingstoke Beavers on Sunday (Norman de Mesquita writes). The BIHA has taken this action because Tyler Larter, one of Whitley's imported players, does not possess a work permit. Peter Bender, the Whitley coach, said that he was not informed of any problem and describes the decision to deduct points as ludicrous.

Bender said: "There is no mention of work permits in the bylaws and it cannot be right to come to a decision on a Tuesday and have it take effect on the previous Sunday." Francis Smith, the Whitley owner, said: "Had I been told in advance that we would lose the game, we would not have played Tyler Larter."

Robert's jump double

EQUESTRIANISM: Michel Robert, of France, scored a double victory in the first two classes of the Volvo World Cup Show in Geneva, on Miss San Patrignano, the nine-year-old mare who carried him to his European championship silver medal, and San Patrignano Nonix. The competition includes Ludger Beerbaum, the Olympic show-jumping champion, and Willi Melliger, the European champion, plus the three leading riders in the 1993-4 Volvo series, Jos Lansink, of Holland, Leslie McNaught-Maendli, of Switzerland, who is a British expatriate and Beat Grandjean, her team-mate.

Lister's rowing post

ROWING: David Lister was named yesterday as the chief coach for the British women's squad. There was an impressive list of candidates, including Ron Needs, who held the position in the 1992-3 season and who has led the Cambridge University women's squad to so much success recently, but the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) opted for Lister, 33. The ARA hoped that the post would be a full-time appointment but failure to raise the funds means that Lister will be employed part-time and will continue to run his stamp-dealing business in London.

Simpson impresses

SKIING: Julia Snell, the World Cup champion, may have retired, but her influence could clearly be seen as her young protégé, Vicki Simpson, from Yorkshire, took fourth place in the opening event of the freestyle season in Tignes, France, won by Oksana Kutschenko, of Russia.

☐ Practice for the first men's World Cup downhill at Val d'Isère was again called off because of adverse weather conditions, while at Veysonnaz, Switzerland, the women's World Cup programme has also been affected with the downhill, giant slalom and slalom all being put back a day.

Docherty's new venue

BOXING: Drew Docherty's challenge for the European bantamweight title against Vincenzo Belcastro, of Italy, has been switched from London to his native Scotland. The contest, originally scheduled for the Grosvenor House Hotel, in London, later this month, will now take place at the Kelvin Hall, in Glasgow, on February 2. That date coincides with Belcastro's 33rd birthday and Tommy Gilmour, the promoter, said: "Belcastro is in for the bleakest, saddest birthday of his life." Docherty, 28, is unbeaten in 12 bouts and expects the home advantage to be a considerable boost.

Bland leads with 62

GOLF: The England pair of Barry Lane and Chris Davison had rounds of 66, six under par, on the first day of the South African Open in Durban yesterday, but still found themselves four shots off the lead. John Bland, 46, of South Africa, a veteran of the European and South African circuits, produced a course record of 62 to put the Englishmen in the shade and he leads by two from Tony Johnstone, of Zimbabwe. Lane and Davison are grouped with three South Africans on 66 — Ernie Els, Wilhelm Winsnes and Ian Hutchings.

Zanardi to return

MOTOR RACING: Alessandro Zanardi, who lost his place in the Lotus Formula One team when he was injured in a crash during qualifying for the Belgian grand prix last season, will be employed as a test driver for the team next year, a spokesman announced yesterday. Zanardi's place has been taken by the Portuguese, Pedro Lamy, who will drive alongside the Briton, Johnny Herbert, but the Lotus managing director, Peter Collins, reaffirmed his faith in the Italian, who scored his first world championship point early in the season in Brazil.

Cousins stresses gap he has ambitions to close



Cousins: hesitant start

BY JOHN HENNESSY

STEVEN Cousins, from Wales, winner for the past four seasons, left himself with something to prove after the technical section of the British figure-skating championships at Basingstoke. He secured first place but largely because of the failings of his Scottish challenger, John Martin.

Cousins's combination jump at the outset consisted only of two doubles, lutz to toe loop, when all skaters, women as well as men, are expected to include a triple, if not two in the case of men. Cousins's should have been the introductory lutz, but, he explained afterwards, he "snatched at it", not giving himself a full reach of the right leg, and he had to settle for two rotations.

Otherwise, his programme was satisfactory, but it could not dispel the mood of disappointment. The big boys in the world at large, whom Cousins is striving to join, are putting the triple axel in their combination.

Martin fell at the same hurdle, though for a different reason. He seemed to run out of ice, for, having landed the triple lutz, he failed the double toe loop. His triple flip, too, was sketchy and he only just held on to second place, ahead of David Inggs, of Swindon. Inggs excelled himself, against the general trend, with marks ranging as high as 5.4.

Charlene von Saher, unlike Cousins, gave promise of better things in defence of the women's title. A horrible (her word) and, probably unrepeatable skid marred the final element, a flying camel spin and there are those who would have wanted something more demanding than a triple salchow in the combination. But, that said, it was a beautiful piece of skating: fast, elegant and free-flowing.

Natalya Gorbenko-Risk, the main threat — she won a title in the former Soviet Union before her marriage to an Englishman — succeeded with a more difficult triple jump, a flip, but overall there was not the same high quality of general skating.

I have been taken to task by Joanne Conway-Owers for not recognising the merit of the triple lutz of her pupil, Emma Warmington, in practice.

Alas for both, it brought her heavily down to earth in the technical programme and allowed Stefanie Main, an impressive 17-year-old Scot, competing at this level for the first time, to slip into third place.

Tactics are important in the technical programme and von Saher was surely wise to play safe, just as Warmington, with more to prove, was right to take the gamble.

RESULTS: Men: Technical programme: 1, S Cousins 0.5pts; 2, J Martin 1.0; 3, D Inggs 1.5; 4, S Bradley 2.0; 5, C Shorten 2.5; 6, S Briggs 3.0. Women: Technical programme: 1, C Von Saher 0.6, 2, N Gorbenko-Risk 1.0; 3, S Main 1.5; 4, E Warmington 2.0; 5, T Seer 2.5; 6, N Manning 3.0. Pairs: Technical programme: 1, J Scames and J Jenkins 0.5; 2, D Mednick and J Briggs 1.0; 3, L Rogers and M Aldred 1.5; 4, C Barker and S Briggs 2.0; 5, K Hamilton and D Haywood 2.5.

Benn fears absence of trainer Tibbs

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Benn could be without the most important member of his training team, Jimmy Tibbs, when preparing for the defence of his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-middleweight title against Henry Wharton, of York, on February 26 at Earls Court, London.

It is feared that Tibbs could be called up by Chris Pyatt, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) middleweight champion, to help him prepare for a world title bout against Steve Collins, of Ireland, which has not yet been confirmed but which also be in February. Tibbs was missing from a press conference in London yesterday, called to announce the details of the Benn-Wharton bout, but just in case anyone should jump to the wrong conclusion, Benn's manager, Peter DeFreitas, made it clear that Tibbs was Benn's first choice.

DeFreitas said: "We want Jimmy in the corner. But if Chris Pyatt and Nigel clash, Jimmy will have to make the decision. Because he's been with Chris so long, I feel it won't be a matter of money but of loyalty. If he can't get Jimmy, I'll get someone from America."

Benn will miss Tibbs if the trainer is not available to supervise training or to be in

Thanks to Tibbs, Benn is boxing with more composure these days and has learnt to keep his aggression under control until the right moment presents itself.

Benn will need all his concentration against Wharton, who is unbeaten in 17 contests and has stopped 13 of his opponents. Certainly, when Benn and Wharton met yesterday, the old Benn malevolence was well under control. He spoke quietly and respectfully about his opponent. "We don't need to hype this fight," Benn said.

Wharton will miss Christmas celebrations at home this year. He will shortly be going to Florida to train. "My Christmas will come on February 26," he said. Benn will go to the WBC convention in Las Vegas next week, return home for Christmas, and then go to his training camp in Tenerife.

Michael Nunn, World Boxing Association (WBA) super-middleweight champion, who is likely to be the next opponent of the winner of the Benn-Wharton bout, will also be boxing on the undercard at Earls Court.

☐ Duke McKenzie, the former triple world champion, will challenge for the vacant British featherweight title, against John Davison, in Manchester on December 18

Stich shakes Steven from dream

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MUNICH

FOR a while here, Brett Steven was living in a dream world. A set up in the quarter-final of the Grand Slam Cup, the 24-year-old New Zealander could envisage earning in one afternoon as much prize-money as he had collected in the whole of his professional career.

Then Michael Stich woke up and effortlessly defended his title, his reputation and an unbeaten record which has lasted for a month. Without breaking sweat, he took the next two sets and obliterated the fantasy of an opponent who had not even qualified for the tournament.

Steven, the first reserve, was relaxing in his flat in Bermuda last week when he heard that one of the 16 entrants, Richard Krajicek, was injured. Interrupting an off-season programme to build up his strength, scarcely the ideal preparation, he travelled to Germany on Saturday.

In spite of practising studiously, his own expectation of surviving the first round was so low that he booked his return flight for yesterday morning. Instead of going to the airport, though, he was preparing to take on Stich, the player he considers currently to be the best in the world.

Steven had surprised himself and everybody else by knocking out Cedric Pioline, of France, the fourth seed, and was not concerned about the lack of time in which to recover. "It is best to keep the roll going," as he put it, and not think too much about a prospect which he regarded as daunting.

He had never played Stich before but he recognised that the German, the ATP world champion and the leader of the victorious Davis Cup team, is "on the crest of a wave". After 46 minutes, it was the native of Auckland who was riding the higher.

Four sloppy volleys in the twelfth game cost Stich the opening set but he then moved up several gears, demonstrating qualities beyond the capability of his dark-haired and equally tall opponent. He held two points to win the second set 6-1 and yielded only three points on his serve in the third set. Steven, ranked 43rd in the world but yet to win a tournament, ended his first full year on the tour in company so exalted as to be beyond his imagination. "Initially, whenever you have lost a match, the reaction is naturally one of disappointment," he said.

"In three days or so, I will be wondering, God, what have I accomplished here. This is the biggest pay day of my career and it is a great thrill to be involved in a tournament of this magnitude. I would love to take part in it again."

The largest he had ever received amounted to $35,000, a mere pittance compared to the $262,500 he will take back with him to Bermuda. "Most of the other guys in this tournament have enough money already to last them for the rest of their lives," he said.

"This is fantastic. It enables me to have a choice, once I finish playing tennis, as to what I am going to do. I'm not going to spend it. I shall save it. A few guys in Bermuda want me to buy them some drinks. They've got another think coming."

Stich remains on course for another showdown with Pete Sampras, his victim in the final of the ATP world championship in Frankfurt three weeks ago. If the pair do not meet on Sunday, their rivalry seems sure to be projected across next year.

Stich, who has recently risen to No 2 in the world, is already considering the prospect. "To do as well next year as I did this will be very tough," he said. "If I keep working on my game, I can be the No 1. If Pete keeps on playing like he did this year, though, he is not reachable."

RESULT: Quarter-final: M Stich (Ger) bt B Steven (NZ), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4

☐ Britain were beaten 2-1 by the Czech Republic in the first round of the European men's championships in Trieste, Italy, yesterday. Tim Henman and Miles Maclagan were beaten in straight sets by Jiri Novak and Martin Strelba respectively. Britain's only success came when Maclagan and Danny Sapsford beat Bohdan Uhlirach and Tomas Zdrazila 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Seles return sought

MONICA Seles, the former world No 1 women's singles player, had not entered the Australian Open tennis tournament by the closing date yesterday, but organisers still hope she will take part next month.

"Monica can still enter as an exempt player up until one week before the event," Jim Reid, the tournament general manager, said. "It is not until after that that a wild card will be necessary."

Seles has not played since April, when she was stabbed in the back by a spectator in Hamburg.

Another notable absentee was Michael Chang, the world No 8, in a men's draw led by Pete Sampras, Michael Stich and Jim Courier. Boris Becker, the triple Wimbledon champion, now eleventh in the rankings, is staying in Germany for the birth of his first child.

"We have attracted 28 of the top 30 men and 27 of the top 30 women for the Australian Open," Reid said. The event runs from January 17 to 30.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

SUPERNACULUM
(b) A drink to be drunk to the last drop, a wine of the highest quality, hence anything excellent of its kind, a modern Latin rendering *auf den nagel* on to the nail, in the phrase *auf den nagel trinken* to drink off liquor to the last drop, referring to the practice of turning up the emptied cup or glass on one's left thumb-nail to show that all the liquor has been drunk: Byron, *Werner*, 1822: " 'Tis here! the supernaculum! twenty years/ Of age, if 'tis a day."

SWAD
(a) A soldier, also *swadgill* and *swadkin*, perhaps the same as *swad* a country bumpkin, of Scandinavian origin. *cf.* Norwegian dialect *swadde*: W. Vernon, *Bardolph & Trulla*, 1757: "Trulla, while I thy love enjoy'd,/ Nor any of the swads beside,/ With you might love and kiss."

CABALLINE
(c) Of or belonging to horses, from the Latin *caballus* a horse, *fons caballinus* is the fountain Hippocrene of Greek poetry, fabled to have been produced by a stroke of the foot of Pegasus the winged horse of the Muses: "This bottle; it's my true and only Helicon: it's my caballine fountain."

COMMENSAL
(a) Eating at the same table, a dining companion or messmate, from the Latin *cum-* together with + *mensa* a table: "The guests of the great King of Heaven, and the commensals of the Lord Jesus, with whom we do then [at the Eucharist] communicate."

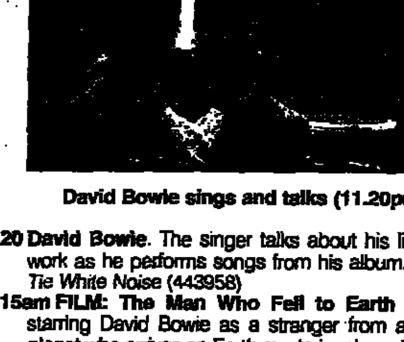
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10.30 Good Morning ... With Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine programme (15256519)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Writer Lynda La Plante is Judi Spiers's guest (s) (9559045) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29531872)
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3.35 Bugs Bunny (3616923) **3.45 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour** (r) (s) (1335229) **3.50 Philbert The Frog** (s) (7513942) **3.55 Superbods** (Ceefax) (s) (3627039) **4.10 The Animals Of Farthing Wood** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8700213) **4.35 Record Breakers**. Last in the series includes a cut-throat competition to beat a shaving record, plus underwater juggling. (Ceefax) (s) (8455126)
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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (497)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (749). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Tomorrow's World. A new technique has been developed for detecting cervical cancer. Plus, a report on the bridge that will link Copenhagen with the rest of Denmark. (Ceefax) (s) (8584)
7.30 Dr Who and the Daleks. The Doctor and his friends have managed to get inside the Daleks' headquarters (r) (Ceefax) (861)
8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Family couples from around Britain compete for prizes. (Ceefax) (s) (1359)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9671)
9.30 FILM: Flight of the Intruder (1991) starring Brad Johnson. Drama set in Vietnam in 1972. A world-weary veteran pilot clashes with his hardline commanding officer and a newcomer. Directed by John Milius. (Ceefax) (s) (233923). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.25 Film: Flight of the Intruder 12.15am-1.10 David Bowie; **Wales:** Between Ourselves 10.00 Film: Flight of the Intruder 11.50 David Bowie 12.45am-3.00 Film: The Man Who Fell to Earth

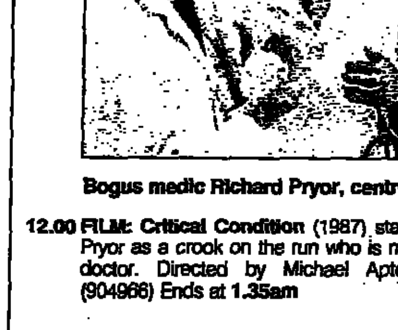


David Bowie sings and talks (11.20pm)

11.20 David Bowie. The singer talks about his life and work as he performs songs from his album, *Black Tie White Noise* (443958)
12.15am FILM: The Man Who Fell to Earth (1976) starring David Bowie as a stranger from another planet who arrives on Earth mysteriously and builds up a fortune from a series of revolutionary inventions. His success excites the jealousy of rival corporations and his life and identity are at risk. Directed Nicolas Roeg (42055362)
2.30-2.35 Weather (2239695)

BBC2

6.50 FILM: Westward Passage (1932, b/w). Romantic comedy starring Laurence Olivier and Ann Harding. Directed by Robert Milton (5612768)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2416107)
8.15 Westminster Daily (9371229)
9.00 FILM: The First Rebel (1939, b/w) starring John Wayne. American war of independence adventure directed by William A. Seiter (6199565)
10.10 FILM: The Fighting Sullivans (1944, b/w) starring Thomas Mitchell and Anne Baxter. Second World War drama directed by Lloyd Bacon (32570478)
12.00 Play Chess! (r) (3952478) **12.10 Favourite Things**. With Thora Hird (r) (8216958) **12.40 Dipstick**. Car maintenance (r) (61112958) **12.50 The Allotment Show** from Amble (r) (2166749)
1.20 Charlie Chalk (r) (63301519) **1.35 The Story of English Furniture**. (r) (20112478)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (68185519)
2.05 Sport on Friday. The British ice skating championships and three races from Cheltenham, the 2.20, 2.55 and 3.30 (s) (633923)
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia's word game (s) (590) **4.30 A Cook's Tour of France II** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (774)
5.00 Today's the Day. Quiz (s) (2590)
5.30 Top Gear (r) (Ceefax) (s) (126)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. Animation (Ceefax) (893010)
6.25 The Man from Uncle. Spoof secret agent adventures (Ceefax) (854107)
7.15 The Living Soap. (s) (494294)
7.50 Public Eye: The Divorce Dilemma. The Government wants to make divorce more difficult. Will this mean couples would be forced to remain in painful relationships? (806039)
8.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs. Actress Helen Mirren looks at child labour. (Ceefax) (s) (920958)
8.30 CHOICE **The Wartime Kitchen and Garden**. (Ceefax) (s) (4381)
9.00 Bottom. Low taste comedy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7213)
9.30 The Team: A Season with McLaren. A look at the vital role of sponsors who contribute towards the £10 million it costs each year to run a Formula One racing team. (Ceefax) (s) (40213)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Actress Maria McErlane and newsreader Jon Snow are the guests (80774)
10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark (Ceefax) (109497)
11.15 CHOICE **The Larry Sanders Show** (s) (761300) **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 The Larry Sanders Show 12.15am Weather 12.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs 12.30-2.00 Film: Critical Condition **11.45 Weather** (109890)
11.50 Human Rights, Human Wrongs (r) (358126)



Bogus medic Richard Pryor, centre (midnight)

12.00 FILM: Critical Condition (1987) starring Richard Pryor as a crook on the run who is mistaken for a doctor. Directed by Michael Apted. (Ceefax) (904966) Ends at **1.35am**

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CHOICE



Scarlet Watt and his dummy, Max (C4, 8.00pm)

Short Stories: Distant Voices, Still Lips
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Apart from his talent, the main reason for making a film about Scarlet Watt is that he claims to be Britain's only West Indian ventriloquist. His dummy, Max, is also black, though Watt sometimes pairs him with John, a racist skinhead. The act is a good way of defusing race prejudice and goes down a treat on the club circuit. It is a long way from the apolitical Peter Brough and Archie Andrews, who are among the distinguished predecessors adorning Watt's living room walls. Watt's agent thinks ventriloquists are ripe for revival and says Watt is good enough to have his own television show. Meanwhile, the cameras follow him on more modest dates, interspersed with a gala at the City Varieties music hall in Leeds.

All or Nothing at All
ITV, 9.00pm

Guy Andrews's enjoyable comedy-drama about a conman who uses investors' money to indulge his passion for gambling takes on a blacker tone. Last week we left Hugh Laurie's Leo trying to extricate himself as the cash ran out and angry creditors were demanding to be repaid. The plot darkens as Leo "invests" £40,000 for a blind woman who runs a charity for the disabled. Squandering the wealth of the rich and greedy is one thing but hastening the demise of a hospice is quite another. The narrative continues to be peppered with flashbacks of Leo's childhood which purport to explain his behaviour. So far they have merely irritated. Bob Monkhouse continues to shine in his first straight part for 27 years.

The Larry Sanders Show
BBC2, 11.15pm

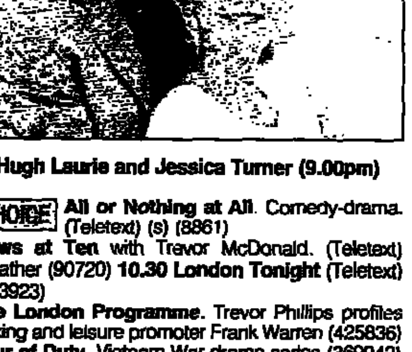
The talk show spoof continues to incorporate guest stars so seamlessly into the narrative that they might be part of the resident cast. Tonight it is the turn of George Foreman and Robin Williams. More strikingly, this is a rarity among American comedies in having no studio audience and not relying on a volley of one-line gags. The absence of mechanical laughter and wisecracks hammered out on an assembly line is refreshing. In concentrating on the interplay of character rather than jokes the show is closer to British situation comedy. This episode makes the point perfectly as sidekick Hank (a splendidly droll performance by Jeffrey Tabor) threatens to quit unless he gets a pay rise and his own golf cart.

The Wartime Kitchen and Garden
BBC2, 8.30pm

Baked cod and stinging nettles are on the menu as El Alamein and the Allied landings in Sicily signal turning points in the Second World War. The nettles are supposed to taste like spinach but most of us will probably be happy to take Ruth Mott's word for it. Mott is uncharacteristically testy tonight. Perhaps reliving the days of the kitchen front, when cooks had to make the most of very little, are starting to get to her. Or perhaps it is the thought of that coarse, grey and unappetising lump that went by the name of the national loaf. In the garden, meanwhile, the equable Harry is growing tobacco, another victim of wartime shortages. Smoking, back in 1943, was not yet medically incorrect. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment with Lorraine Kelly and Eamonn Holmes (539381) **9.00 Top of the Morning** with Amanda Redington (9179768)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Dale Winton presents the game show set in supermarket (s) (9172855) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3937039)
10.00 The Time ... The Place Topical discussion chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7514958)
10.35 This Morning with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (15240958)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) and weather (9277010)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2177855)
12.55 Coronation Street. A repeat of Wednesday's episode. (Teletext) (2258774) **1.25 Home And Away**. Alf and Ailsa walk in on a game of strip poker. (Teletext) (26604923) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in Australian country town (s) (81160300)
2.20 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice presents a mixture of features, reports and interviews on life in London (s) (17936010) **2.50 Take the High Road**. Drama serial set in the Highlands (5014774)
3.20 News headlines (9958300) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9957671)
3.30 Children's ITV: Alphabet Castle (s) (3602720) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (1249478) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (1334590) **4.00 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (4570107) **4.15 Rupert** (r) (s) (8794652) **4.40 Knightmare** Dungeons and dragons adventure game (s) (2749942)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2738332)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (930297)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (32294)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Quiz show with Les Dennis (s) (3652)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (229)
8.00 Beadle's About. More juvenile practical jokes (2300)
8.30 Second Thoughts. Comedy series starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as a divorced couple contemplating remarrying (Teletext) (s) (8107)

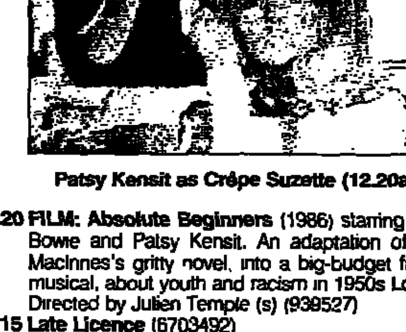


Hugh Laurie and Jessica Turner (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **All or Nothing at All**. Comedy-drama. (Teletext) (s) (8861)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (90720) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) (943923)
10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips profiles boxing and leisure promoter Frank Warren (425836)
11.10 Tour of Duty. Vietnam War drama series (369942)
12.05am Dial Midnight. Comedy and music plus live phone-in (s) (3357324)
1.05 The ITV Chart Show. Features the rock charts (s) (4778508)
2.10 Married ... with Children. America domestic comedy (4278530)
2.40 Whale On. Music, competitions and topical debate with James Whale (3108527)
3.40 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (43143643)
4.10 The Basking Shark. Documentary (5942362)
5.00 Riviera. French soap opera (41985)
5.30 ITN Morning News (26985) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL4

6.30 Ulysses 31 Animation (r) (70355)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (21749)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (17497)
9.30 Anne of Green Gables – The Sequel. First of a two-part drama (Teletext) (28953316)
11.50 The Autobiography of a Jeep (b/w). Lighthearted look at the sturdy American vehicle (r) (5184395)
12.00 House to House. Maya Even presents the latest news from Westminster (93861)
12.30 Sesame Street. Whoopi Goldberg is the guest (50381) **1.30 Kaboodle**. A mixture of live action and cartoons (r) (27316)
2.00 FILM: The Amazing Mr Williams (1939, b/w) starring Mervyn Douglas and Joan Blondell. Slick comedy thriller in which Blondell, the fiancée of a rising young detective, takes decisive measures when he puts duty before love and they end up trying to help a murder suspect. Directed by Alexander Hall (618229)
3.35 The Three Stooges (b/w). The zany trio cause chaos when they try to break into vaudeville (1230565)
3.55 Travelog (r) (Teletext) (s) (5025213)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. (Teletext) (s) (942)
5.00 Cutting Edge. Concluding the documentary about the Royal Navy's police force (r). (Teletext) (8215)
6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper American comedy series (Teletext) (s) (107)
6.30 Happy Days. Flip starts drinking and driving. (Teletext) (687)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (508316)
7.50 First Reaction. Lowri Turner of the London *Evening Standard* muses on the potential eligibility of the Prince of Wales (297584)
8.00 CHOICE **Short Stories: Distant Voices, Still Lips**. (Teletext) (s) (3382)
8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (6749)
9.00 Plant Life: Gardening with Nature. Last in the series is about the difficulties in maintaining a "wild" garden (Teletext) (2381)
9.30 Cheers. Sam is adamant he and Diane are finished (r) (Teletext) (35381)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital (94590)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. With Mel Brooks, Rick Moranis and Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP (s) (103213)
11.10 The Word. Music and interviews for young people (s) (176774)
12.10am Late Licence. A preview of tonight's through-the-night viewing beginning at 2.15am (8688053)



Patsy Kensit as Crêpe Suzette (12.20am)

12.20 FILM: Absolute Beginners (1986) starring David Bowie and Patsy Kensit. An adaptation of Colin MacInnes's gritty novel, into a big-budget fantasy musical, about youth and racism in 1950s London. Directed by Julien Temple (s) (939527)
2.15 Late Licence (6703492)
2.20 Ready Steady Go! (b/w). Vintage pop music programme with the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Jerry Lee Lewis, Them and Lulu (r) (3101614)
2.55 Naked City featuring Depeche Mode, Bad Boys Inc and Beavis and Butthead (r) (s) (4448350)
4.00 The Clangers. Planetary cartoon (r) (48803256)
4.10 Red Hot and Movin'. Rap artists in a musical warning about Aids (r) (s) (8831459). Ends at **5.05**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jameson at the Opera **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Erles Jones at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00-4.00** Alan Dedicoat

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Dilemmas **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** It's My Life (r) **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** WICR **7.15** Crazy Christmas: First in a four-part story by Jeanne Betancourt **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Teen Lurve **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Free at Last **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Broadway Lights See Choice **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Free at Last **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *The Caravanners* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** World News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop: including Nachrichten aus Grossbritannien, GB-Report and Tips für Touristen **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: Guavas for Pudding **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** World News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Derek Bourgeois (Trombone Concerto Christian Lindberg; City of London Brass Quartet under Geoffrey Brand, with Christian Lindberg, trombone) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert Palestrina (Third Christmas Mass); Corelli (Christmas Concerto); Prokofiev (Peter and the Wolf) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (81160300) **2.20-2.50** Gardening Time (17936010) **5.10-5.40** Wish You Were Here ? (2738382) **6.00** Home And Away (897836) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (755497) **10.45** The Big Day (191478) **11.30** Film: Honor Guard (279818) **1.05am** Whale On (7535256) **2.05** Raw Power (1094898) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5268237) **4.00** Get Wet (64343) **4.30** Riviera (90139685) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7627053)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (81160300) **2.20-2.50** Maternal World (17936010) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (2738382) **6.00** Home And Away (897836) **6.25-7.00** Central News (755497) **10.30** Central News (943923) **10.40** Central Weekend (3570861) **12.10am** Tropical Heat (3350695) **1.10** Whale On (7534527) **2.10** The Beat (1093189) **3.10** Entertainment UK (5258850) **4.05** Jobfinder (4406650) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8957169)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Home And Away (2258774) **1.25** A Country Practice (82073774) **1.50** Take The High Road (20119361) **2.20** Granada Action (17936010) **2.50-3.20** Sons And Daughters (5014774) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2738382) **6.00** Home And Away (565) **6.30**

VARIATIONS

Granada Tonight (230132) **6.55-7.00** Kick Off (926107) **10.40** Up Front (298720) **11.40** The Full Monty (182010) **12.10am** Baywatch (3360072) **1.05** Whale On (7535256) **2.05** Raw Power (1094898) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5268237) **4.00** Get Wet (64343) **4.30** Riviera (90139685) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7627053)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (81160300) **2.20-3.20** Highway To Heaven (3613294) **6.00** HTV News and Weather (565) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (395) **10.40** Late And Live (3570861) **12.10am** Beverly Hills 90210 (3360072) **1.05** Whale On (7535256) **2.05** Raw Power (1094898) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5268237) **4.00** Get Wet (64343) **4.30** Riviera (90139685) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (7627053)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (565) **6.30-7.00** Wish You Were Here..? (395) **10.40** The Mal Pope Show (298720) **11.40-12.10pm** Married.. With Children (182010)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (81160300) **2.20** Take The High Road (17936010) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (5014774) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — The Listings (515720) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (32294) **10.40** Married ..With Children (425836) **11.10** Late Night Live (970107) **11.55** Sledge Hammer (188294) **12.25am** Whale On (3356379) **1.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9482695) **1.55** Raw Power (3029527) **2.55** Cue The Music (3199879) **3.55** Sprockets (8197256) **4.30** The Art Of Landscape (87411) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (81160300) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (2009213) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (598519) **6.30-7.00** Waddell's World (395) **10.40** The Hidden Room (425836) **11.10** Film: The Big Chill (903671) **1.05am** Whale On (7535256) **2.05** The Big E (1006633) **3.00** Film: Innocent Bystanders (57275) **5.00** The Twilight Zone (7181072) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans (20118652) **2.25** Gardener's Diary (17935381) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (1615861) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (32294) **10.40** Film: Galore Winter Comes (88989294) **12.30am** Love And War (74625) **1.00** My Story (6046237) **1.05** Whale On (7535256) **2.05** Raw Power (1094898) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5268237) **4.00** Get Wet (64343) **4.30** Riviera (67411) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (41985)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (81160300) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (2009213) **5.55** Calendar (598519) **6.30-7.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (395) **10.40** The Hidden Room (425836) **11.10** Film: The Big Chill (903671) **1.05am** Whale On (7535256) **2.05** The Big E (1006633) **3.00** Film: Innocent Bystanders (57275) **5.00** The Twilight Zone (7181072) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed (3009237)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (21749) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (17497) **9.30** Anne of Green Gables — The Sequel (28953316) **11.50** Autobiography Of A Jeep (5184395) **12.00pm** House To House (93861) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (28045) **1.00** The Magic Roundabout (24836) **1.30** Film: Presenting Lily Mars (26958) **3.30** The Talking Show (923) **4.00** Slot 23 (3497) **5.00** Trash Talk (4958) **5.30** Fifteen To One (294) **6.00** News (979331) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (156126) **6.25** Heno (753039) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1294) **7.30** Pelydr X (671) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (3382) **8.30** Newyddion (6749) **9.00** Ara (6403) **10.00** Brookside (94590) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (103213) **11.10** The Word (176774) **12.10am** Late Licence (8688053) **12.20** Film: Absolute Beginners (939527) **2.15** Late Licence (78920188)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air including Molter (Concerto Pastorale): Bach, arr Busoni (Chaconne): Rossini (Overture, The Thieving Magpie); Praetorius (In dulci jubilo): Marais (La sonnerie de Sainte Geneviève du Mont à Paris); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K503)
9.00 An Advent Calendar, introduced by Hugh Keyte. St Michael's Singers under Jonathan Rennert perform Darke (In the bleak mid-winter); Walford Davies (O little town of Bethlehem)
9.10 Composer of the Week: Bizet. Penny Gore presents Sarasate (Carmen Fantasy — excerpt); Bizet, arr Hammerstein (Dere's a Café, Carmen Jones); Bizet (Jeux d'enfants, Les adieux de l'hôtesse arabe, Carmen, Act 1 — excerpts)
10.10 Musical Encounters, with Mary Miller in Glasgow. Dornel (Sonata in D minor); Artist of the Week: Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts Barber (Violin Concerto: Ernst Kovacic; BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra); **10.55** Mendelssohn (Hear My Prayer); Ireland (Comedy Overture); **11.24** Artist of the Week: Maksymiuk conducts Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor: John Ogdon, BBC Scottish SO)
12.00 Voices: Lieder by Wolf, Strauss and Mahler (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Christoph Huntgeburth, flute/recorder, Mitzi Meyerson, harpsichord, perform attrib Bach (Flute Sonata in G minor, BWV 1020); Hotteterre (Preludes); Boismortier (Flute Sonata No 1 in D, Op 91); Rameau (Harpsichord Suite in A minor); attrib Bach (Flute Sonata in C, BWV 1033)
2.00 Ulster Orchestra: Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune) and Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra)
2.50 Mining the Archive: John Amis introduces music inspired by the poetry of Edith Sitwell, including the first UK broadcast of *The Heart of the Matter* with music by Britten
4.30 Lullabies: Veronica Doubleday presents a programme of cradle songs (r)
5.00 In Tune, with Richard Baker. Walton (Overture, Scapino): Dvořák (O Silver Moon, Rusalka); Grieg (Piano Sonata in E minor); Franck (Psyché and Eros, Psyché)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra with the BBC Symphony Chorus. Andrew Davis conducts Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on Christmas Carols: Thomas Allen, baritone). **8.10** David Huckvale on *the Music of the Spheres* (r). **8.30** Holst (Suite, The Planets)
9.30 The Rebirth of Nationalism Russian Roulette
9.50 Vienna-Berlin Ensemble performs Milhaud (Sonata for flute, oboe, clarinet and piano, Op 47); Françaix (Wind Quintet No 1); Poulenc (Sextet for piano and wind)
10.45 Bloody Wall Compose! Anthony Burton presents a portrait of Elisabeth Lutyens
11.30 Midnight Oil: Alwynne Pritchard presents Ensemble Bash. David Osbon (Reconstruction), Robert Keeley (Mariposas de Plata); Minoru Miki (Marimba Spiritual)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 An Advent Calendar (as 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: This week's castaway is Lord Weinstock (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 Pedalling Backwards (FM only). David Bean and Laurence Cantwell retrace their boyhood journey by bicycle around Yorkshire and Lancashire (2/4)
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Joel. Read by Mary Wimbush (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jennifer Holden visits a Catholic convent for women over 40. Serial: *The Very Dead of Winter* **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme looks at food in art **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Riders of the Purple Sage: The final part of Zane Grey's western (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Your Place or Mine?: See Choice
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews a new production of *Cabaret*, starring Jane Horrocks and Alan Cumming; and reports on branding, the latest method of body decoration from California
4.45 Short Story: Berlin Snowfall, by Irena Dische. Read by Barbara Flynn (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin and Peter Macann present the transport magazine
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Tony Blair, MP, shadow Home Secretary; Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chairman of National Power; John Patten, MP, Education Secretary; and Margaret Singh, chair of the Association of District Councils, are in Alton, Hampshire. Chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Bright Sparks: Anne Kelleher talks to Helen Power who, at 26, is one of the youngest Wellcome Institute Fellows. She talks about her passionate belief in popularising the history of medicine (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope: John Dryden investigates British film talent in Hollywood. Actors Paul Rhys and Tim Curry and director Barry Isaacson are among those taking part (r)
9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Pearl, by John Steinbeck. Gayle Hunnicut reads the final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with Sally Grace and company
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Your Place or Mine? *Radio 4, 3.30pm*
The umbrella title of this documentary series has never been more apt. This week's programme is about the social Green Line that separates the Greek and Turkish Cypriots of Haringey, in north London. It is a British version of the political Green Line dividing the Turkish and Cypriot communities in Cyprus itself. Producer John Watkins has taken great pains to balance the attitudes of the new generation born to traditional antagonists. Inevitably this afternoon, we hear a Cypriot echo of Shakespeare's "a curse on both your houses" from *Romeo and Juliet*.

Broadway Lights. *World Service, 10.30am*
World Service listeners are now learning what Radio 3 listeners have long known — that Robert Cushman knows his stage musical history inside out. They are also learning that it might take some little time to get acclimatised to his rapid delivery and that, if the odd word or two do get lost in the rush, there are plenty more that do not. Today, we reach the brilliant years of *Carousel, South Pacific, Guys and Dolls, Kiss Me Kate*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (83070671) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8729213) **9.10** Cartoons (40749) **9.30** Card Sharks (77381) **9.55** Concentration (7109590) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7632923) **10.30** Love at First Sight (35861) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (62010) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (53213) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (88497) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (76652) **2.00** Pearl (44126) **3.00** Another World (6569749) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (5869687) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7497) **6.00** Games World (4039) **6.30** Paradise Beach (1519) **7.00** Rescue (8126) **7.30** Growing Pains (5313) **8.00** WWF Mania (19381) **9.00** Cops (97671) **9.30** Code 3 (64861) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (59672) **11.00** The Untouchables (56403) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (85343) **1.00am** Night Court (94427) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (36966)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (17687) **9.30** Nightline (42403) **10.30** Memories of 1970-31 (24519) **11.30** Japan Business (48923) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (22107) **1.30** CBS This Morning (23836) **2.30** Parliament Live (40720) **3.30** The Lords (66039) **4.30** News and Business Report (7316) **5.00** Live at Five (788300) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (8045) **9.30** Talkback (62403) **11.30** CBS News (31923) **12.30am** ABC News (71169) **1.30** Critical Earth (48614) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (54324) **3.30** Talkback (65169) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (68966) **5.30-6.30** CBS News (48121)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5446045)
10.00 Final Shot: The Hank Gathers Story (1992): Fact-based story of a basketball player's battle against illness. With Victor Lora (82213)
12.00 Son of Sinbad (1955) Dale Robertson ventures into the mountains at his peril (21229)
2.00pm The Diamond Trap (1988) Twiggy plays a British detective hunting a murderer (23584)
4.00 Klondike Fever (1980): Jeff East stars as the adventure writer Jack London (5229)
6.00 Final Shot — The Hank Gathers Story (as 10am) (46703377)
7.40 US Top Ten (894774)
8.00 Christmas in Connecticut (1992) Arnold Schwarzenegger directs a tale about a television personality (Dyan Cannon) who invents her own family (15565)
10.00 Death Warrant (1990): Jean-Claude Van Damme unearths a trade in human organs (65768)
11.30 Bloodfist III: Forced to Fight (1991): A kickboxer protects a prison inmate (70841)
1.00am Bad Channels (1992): Horror-comedy about a wacky DJ (8106985)
2.20 Hamburger ... the Motion Picture (1986). Kids learn to flip burgers (2178237)
3.50 Sweet Murder (1990). Love and money come between two friends (270169) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Bedtime for Bonzo (1951, b/w): Ronald Reagan teams up with a chimp (62328)
8.00 Man of the West (1958). Reformed outlaw Gary Cooper goes back to his bad ways (12823)
10.00 Who's That Knocking at My Door? (1968): Harvey Keitel stars in the predecessor to *Mean Streets* (53229) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Back to God's Country (1953): Rock Hudson fends off a romantic rival (85720)
8.00 Yogi's Great Escape Cartoon adventures of the Jellystone Park bear (28720)
10.00 Scarlet Angel (1952): Yvonne De Carlo assumes another identity (80655)
12.00 Outback (1988): An American buys an isolated farm in Australia (49871)
2.00pm Spymaker: The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1991): Jason Connery stars as the author of the James Bond novels (21126)
4.00 Yogi's Great Escape (as 8am) (3671)
6.00 The End of the Golden Weather (1991): Tender New Zealand drama about a boy who befriends a mentally handicapped man (59880)
8.00 For the Boys (1991) Bette Midler and James Caan entertain the troops (17490519)
10.25 The Hard Way (1991): Comedy-thriller starring James Woods as a cop partnered by an actor, Michael J. Fox (287010)
12.20am Sleeping with the Enemy (1991). A woman flees her husband. With Julia

2.00 Blackmail (1991). A blackmailer is given a taste of his own medicine (474362)
3.35 Bright Angel (1991) Road movie about a boy and a young drifter (2362492) Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (6269565) **7.15** Prime Bodies (779774) **7.45** Drag Racing (778045) **8.15** Soccer News (2912478) **8.30** Survival of the Fittest (16381) **9.00** Prime Bodies (96331) **9.30** The Boot Room (97923) **10.30** Bullriders (79039) **11.30** Boots 'n' All (82381) **12.30pm** Sportsworld (7048126) **1.15** Netbusters (61839316) **1.30** French Football League (74584) **2.30** Sports Awards (91478) **3.30** World Sports (8497) **4.00** Tennis. Grand Slam Cup (3403) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (46010) **7.00** Ice Hockey (66671) **8.00** Pro-Celebrity Fishing (57519) **9.00** US PGA Seniors Golf (895519) **11.30** Tennis: Grand Slam Cup (73923) **12.30am** Soccer (56459) **1.30-3.00** Football Show (93188)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (93958) **8.00** Show Jumping World Cup (81381) **9.00** Eurosk (96652) **10.00** Speedskating World Cup (18942) **11.00** Football: European Cups (57836) **1.00pm** Car Racing (51942) **2.00** American Ice Hockey (71294) **3.00** Winter Olympics (1855) **3.30** Figure Skating Junior World Championships (92861) **5.30** Motorsport (28010) **6.30** News (6229) **7.00** Darts. World Championships (60039) **8.00** Car Racing (42687) **9.00** Boxing (25478) **10.30** American Football (22942) **11.00** American Ice Hockey (23045) **12.30-1.00am** News (88275)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (7109234) **7.30** Neighbours (7291229) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2255213) **8.30** EastEnders (2254584) **9.00** The Bill (2245836) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (3382359) **10.30** Casualty (9635381) **11.30** Rhoda (7499300) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2258300) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8719687) **1.00** EastEnders (7108565) **1.30** The Bill (8718958) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (4189565) **2.30** Bread (7487519) **3.00** Dallas (7573316) **4.00** Dynasty (7489923) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4276045) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7385107) **6.00** Neighbours (7375720) **6.30** EastEnders (7339300) **7.00** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (8505519) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (4272229) **8.30** Bread (4188836) **9.00** Casualty (8594403) **10.00** The Bill (2339229) **10.30** Rory Bremner (2242749) **11.00** Top of the Pops (4082039) **11.45** Dr Who (7053872) **12.15am** FILM: Green for Danger (1946, b/w): Whodunit with Alastair Sim (7276411) **1.50** Video Bites (15502430) **2.15-7.00** Shopping at Night (83045607)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (440403) **9.00** Jack in the Box (50300) **11.00** Ratkan II (174958) **2.00pm** Iris and the Professor (41652) **3.00** RatKan II (7671) **3.30** Owdie and the Gang (9381) **4.00** Charlie Brown and Snoopy (1316) **4.30-5.00** Runaway Bay (7300)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (14497) **7.30** Guts (99132) **8.00** Get the Picture (15659) **8.30** Wild Side (14923) **9.00** Rabbit Ears (96313) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (38045) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (83039) **10.30** David the Gnome (96377) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (13687) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (80923) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears (32861) **1.00** David the Gnome (13768) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (31132) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (5294) **2.30** Story Time (4294) **3.00** Kablooey (7229) **3.30** Out of Control (6039) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (1774) **4.30** Hey Dude (7958) **5.00** Clarissa Explains it All (2774) **5.30** Get the Picture (8010) **6.00** Guts (5923) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (2403)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Arabians (7396213) **4.30** Anak Krakatoa (7392497) **5.00** Over the Wall in China (4180294) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (6187519) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4493836) **7.00** The Arctic (4181923) **7.30** The Global Family (7393126) **8.00** The Beerhunter (4190671) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (4186478) **9.00** Saddam Hussein (8592045) **10.00** Body Styles (8595132) **11.00-12.00** Buster Keaton (7116584)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (2260768) **12.30pm** FILM: Flesh and Blood (1951, b/w) A Turbulent study of a Scottish family (8689107) **2.15** FILM: Change of Heart (1943, b/w): Musical romance with

(45554565) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7390039) **4.30** My Three Sons (7389923) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4198213) **5.30** Donny and Marie (7476403) **6.00** The Dons Day Show (7473316) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (7391768) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (4185749) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (7380652) **8.00** FILM: To Have and Have Not (1944, b/w). Lauren Bacall in Howard Hawks's adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's novel (15735403) **9.45** Art Linkletter (3534565) **10.00** FILM. Curse of the Crimson Altar (1970). Horror with Boris Karloff (2967132) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (2161836)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (5505403) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (4755297) **8.30** Living Daylights (5105738) **9.00** Divorce Court (2151818) **9.30** Hot Topics (8797519) **10.00** Beautywise (3123923) **10.30** Living Extra (5200382) **11.00** The Advice Shop (4040010) **11.30** Raw Energy (4058039) **12.00** Practical Living (27718774) **12.15pm** Kilroy (1460519) **1.00** Crosswits (2331300) **1.30** Divorce Court (6694478) **2.00** Days of our Lives (3124652) **3.00** Agony Hour (4052655) **4.00** Crosswits (3420364) **4.30** Infatuation (7020328) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (6913590) **6.00** The Treatment (1721331) **6.30** Floyd on France (2070823) **7.00** Agony Hour (6220331) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9274251) **9.00** Coms in Spinner (31975687) **11.10** Infatuation (1457300) **11.40** Delia Smith's One is Fun (3129107) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (5489411)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (2316) **5.30** Danger Bay (8652) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (5565) **6.30** Catchphrase (2045) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9652) **7.30** All Clued Up (8229) **8.00** Remington Steele (12841) **9.00** FILM. Uphill All the Way (1985): Drama about two hapless robbers on the run (83652) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (40316) **11.00** Newhart (74768) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (46107) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (47121)

MTV

6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (442861) **9.00** VJ Ingo (928792) **12.00** Greatest Hits (99126) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (310403) **3.30** MTV Report (6093687) **3.45** At the Movies (6918942) **4.00** News (5191294) **4.15** 3 from 1 (5287045) **4.30** Dial MTV (9958) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (4774) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (31720) **7.00** Unplugged (1010) **7.30** Most Wanted (75300) **9.00** Greatest Hits (99565) **10.00** The Report (974010) **10.15** At the Movies (979565) **10.30** News (867519) **10.45** 3 from 1 (855774) **11.00** Beavis and Butt-head (76126) **11.30** VJ Marijne (85297) **12.00** The Pulse (9798985) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (84695) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (2762430)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (15213) **7.00** Regional News (22652) **8.00** Hindi News (51478) **8.30** Urdu News (5226132) **8.45** English News (5221687) **9.00** Palay Shah (45942) **10.00** Hindi FILM: Kasauti (528756) **1.00pm** Nukkad (81768) **1.30** Pakistani FILM (903842) **4.30** Kiddie Time (1126) **5.00-6.00** Dedicated to You (2749) **7.00** Crackerthon (66213) **10.00** Music (80977382) **11.15** Janmdata (531107) **12.05am** Sal N Live (5229140) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (18321091)

TNT

Theme: A Dennis Morgan Birthday Tribute
7.00pm God Is My Co-Pilot (1945, b/w): Wartime adventure about pilots stationed in the Pacific. With Raymond Massey (38736010)
8.40 My Wild Irish Rose (1947). Biopic of Irish singer Chauncey Olcott (41750958)
10.35 One More Tomorrow (1946, b/w): A playboy falls in love with a magazine editor. Comedy with Ann Sheridan (26023126)
12.15am Two Guys from Texas (1948): Dennis Morgan and fellow vaudeville star Jack Carson find themselves on the run from gangsters (34570053)
2.00 The Time, the Place, and the Girl (1946) Two promoters attempt to stage a Broadway musical. With Janis Paige (74983492) Ends at **3.45**

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Blanchflower believed football was for glory

BY JOHN GOODBODY

DANNY Blanchflower, who captained Tottenham Hotspur to the double of FA Cup and League championship in 1960-1 and led Northern Ireland during their celebrated run in the 1958 World Cup, died in a nursing home in Surrey yesterday after suffering from Alzheimer's disease. He was 67.

He will be remembered as one of the most admired and elegant players of his era and his original approach to the game made him a significant figure long after he retired.

He was only the second player to be elected Footballer of the Year on two occasions and won 56 caps for Northern Ireland. In 1963, he captained Tottenham when they won the European Cup-Winners' Cup, so becoming the first British club to take a European trophy.

Blanchflower possessed a rare strategic talent as a wing half, and also wrote a provocative column for the *Sunday Express* for many years. He had the ability to do the unexpected in football and also in life, most notably when he famously declined to appear on the television programme *This is Your Life*, the first celebrity ever to do so.

His loquacity was famous. His brother Jackie, also a Northern Ireland international, said: "Danny did not kiss the Blarney stone at birth — he swallowed it."

Blanchflower's contemporaries yesterday spoke of his style, his enterprising captaincy and his qualities as companion and friend. Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager who played in front of him in the 1958 World Cup campaign, commented: "Danny possessed terrific elegance I never saw him booked. He never roughed anyone up."

'Football has lost not only an incompara ble player, a unique captain, a romantic and a humourist, but one of the game's true intellectuals.' David Miller, page 44

Billy Drennan, the Irish FA secretary from 1950-84, said: "He had that marvellous motivation quality just like Peter Doherty, our first manager whom he so admired. In fact, he moulded himself on Peter. He was a man of principle, dignity and loyalty.

"Danny loved playing football, loved playing for Northern Ireland and those heady days of Sweden were without doubt his most memorable of all."

However, he enjoyed historic moments in club football at Tottenham under a manager in Bill Nicholson who was sympathetic to his ideas.

As Johnny Haynes, of Fulham and England recalled: "He was not the fastest or fittest player around but his ball control and reading of the game was second to none. His vision was superb."

Despite his deep understanding of the game, Blanchflower was unsuccessful as a manager with Northern Ireland and at Chelsea. Peter Osgood, who played under him at Stamford Bridge said: "It was a privilege to work under him. Although I feel he should not have come back into management when he did. He tried to make Chelsea play like the great Tottenham side. He did not have the players."

He was more successful as a journalist. Alec Stock, the former manager of Orient, QPR and Fulham, said: "His column was the one that all the players read. You did not miss it."

Blanchflower wrote his own testament about football. "The game is about glory. It is about doing things in style, with a flourish, about going out and beating the other lot, not waiting for them to die of boredom."

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David Miller, page 44

CAREER

Born: Robert Dennis Blanchflower, Bloomfield, Belfast, Feb 10, 1926.

Club career: Glentoran, Barnsley (signed for £6,500 in April 1949), Aston Villa (£15,000 in March 1951), Tottenham Hotspur (£30,000 in December 1954: 383 appearances, 21 goals) Retired, June 1964. Honours: Captained Tottenham to the League and FA Cup double in 1960-1, the FA Cup 1961-2 and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1963. Footballer of the Year, 1958 and 1961.

International career: Northern Ireland (debut v Scotland 1950; 56 appearances). Captained them to the last eight of the 1958 World Cup and to share of international championship with England in 1957 and 1958

Managerial career: Northern Ireland, 1976-9, Chelsea, December 1978 to September 1979.

Smith and Intrum sweep to victory

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN FREMANTLE

LAWRIE Smith and his European crew aboard Intrum Justitia swept into Fremantle yesterday to win the longest and most difficult stage of the 32,000-mile Whitbread Round the World Race and restore the British yachtsman's reputation as one of the best skippers in the world.

Smith and his crew took 25 days, 14 hours, 39 minutes and six seconds to complete the 7,588-mile second leg from Punta del Este, Uruguay, thus knocking one-and-a-half days off the record, set by the New Zealand yacht, Steinlager II, on its way to winning the whole race in 1989.

Intrum, a Whitbread 60-class yacht and the front-runner of her class for almost the entire journey from Uruguay, also broke the world 24-hour record for monohulls during the leg, with a distance of 425 miles.

Smith's reputation had suffered after Fortuna, the Spanish maxi whose conversion for this race his team had masterminded, returned to Southampton a week after the start last September, having lost both her rigs.

The chance to take over the less than impressive Intrum Justitia at the end of the first leg, after the skipper, Roger Nilson, was forced to retire with a knee injury, was too good an opportunity to miss.

He took control a week before the restart, and with his fellow crew-mate, Paul Standbridge, the only other new face in the team, transformed the crew into a winning combination.

"On paper I inherited one of the most experienced crews within the fleet, including a superb navigator in Marcel van Triest. He never put a foot wrong," Smith said yesterday.

Despite beating Chris Dickson's Tokio into Fremantle by two hours and moving up from fifth to second in the overall standings, the Intrum crew had a tough time. "It was awful. So wet. So cold," Rick Tomlinson, a Whitbread veteran, said.

Smith, only half-jokingly, agreed: "Yes, these boats need another 6ft of freeboard. I've never sailed such wet boats. Not only was the water flying across the deck with the force of a fire hydrant, but it was pouring down below, filling the bilge and wetting everything below decks."

Yamaha, the third-placed 60 footer, finished six hours behind Intrum Justitia but still beat Pierre Fehlmann's first-placed maxi, Merit Cup. She crossed the line six and a half hours behind the leading 60-footer. "We have a big problem with speed," Fehlmann said after beating Grant Dalton's disabled maxi, New Zealand Endeavour, by only an hour. "This boat simply doesn't surf like my old boats," he said.

Another to report trouble was Javier de la Gandara after his Spanish 60, Galicia 93, limped in to take fourth place in the class.

One crew which hopes to make the most out of adversity is Brad Butterworth's American team on Winston. It lost the best part of a day turning back to help the Brooksfield crew when it sent out an emergency signal two weeks ago, but has since recovered all it lost on the leaders.

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SECOND STAGE

WHITBREAD 60 CLASS: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 25days 14hr 39mm; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 25 18 39; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 25:20:27; 4, Galicia '93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 25:22:10. Overall positions (after two stages): 1, Tokio 50:03 07; 2, Intrum Justitia 50:17:19; 3, Yamaha 50:17 58; 4, Galicia '93 Pescanova 50:16:41

MAXI CLASS: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 25:21:11; 2, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 25:22.57. Overall positions (after two stages): 1, NZ Endeavour 50:06:16; 2, Merit Cup 50:12:53

OTHER POSITIONS (at 04.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantle): Whitbread 60s: 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 213; 6, Hotman Sahaldachny (E Piston, Ukr) 1,217; 7, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US) 1,224; 8 Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 1,530; 9, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 1,608; 10, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 1,810 Maxis: 3, La Poste (D Matle, Fr) 783; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 1,520

Information provided by BT

British driver points way to Middle East passage



POWERBOAT racing conjures up a clash of cultures in the Middle East as the British driver, Steve Kerton, makes a point to spectators on an Abu Dhabi dockside in the United Arab Emirates yesterday. Kerton and 28 other competitors from ten countries, will be churning up the water around Abu Dhabi as they compete in the final round of the world inland circuit championship today. The winner will be feted at a huge — and now traditional — beach party in an area where powerboating is rapidly gaining in popularity. Kerton is one of the favourites to win the grand prix, but the championship has already been decided, Guido Cappellini, of Italy, having accumulated 133 points to put himself in an unbeatable position in the nine-round championship. He will be trying to finish the season in a blaze of glory by taking the last grand prix, but he will encounter keen opposition from Michael Werner, of Germany, who lies in second place in the championship table. Jonathan Jones, of Wales, who has won the title three times, is third and is also in the running for the top prize.

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Selection handed back to selectors

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THE painstaking process of creating a new management structure for England's Test team shuffled forward yesterday with endorsement of the proposal to separate selection from administration. The winter meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board agreed to restore the selection committee and all other functions which fell under the remit of Ted Dexter's England committee are now to be handled by a development committee, with its own chairman.

The county delegates also voted for two backward steps in their own cricket. Sunday games are to revert from 50 to 40 overs a side next season and qualifying groups in the Benson and Hedges Cup will return in 1995.

Members of the 1992 working party, which had sought widespread views before successfully proposing the restructuring of the game, may justifiably weep. Two of their primary decisions, taken for the good of English standards, have been reversed after only 12 months and, if the Sunday league revision comes with the approval of players and spectators, that of the Benson and Hedges Cup change is bewildering.

A proposal by Kent was passed after what Alan Smith, the board's chief executive, described as "a pretty close vote". So the 1995 fixture list will once more be led off by a series of soulless limited overs games at the expense of first-class cricket.

As for Sunday, the players believed it was unfair to stage such games during four-day championship fixtures. At least, bowling run-ups will remain unrestricted.

The legacy of the Dexter regime will take longer to restructure. As expected, the counties felt that team selection should be a separate entity with a chairman responsible for leading his committee's strategies, rather than delegating, as Dexter preferred to do.

A working party now been created to come up with a chairman before the next board meeting, in March.

The issue of payment, which Dexter drew as recompense for giving up his journalistic work, will be decided once a new man is appointed. Mike Smith, who is to manage the England tour of the West Indies this winter, remains a candidate. The selection committee will be completed by Keith Fletcher, the team manager, two elected selectors and the captain.

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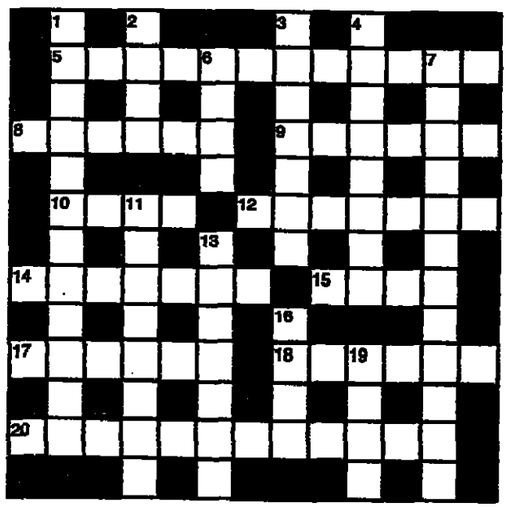


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ACROSS

5 Meeting hall (8,4)
8 Servant's uniform (6)
9 Demonstrations (6)
10 Yawn (4)
12 Stylish confidence (7)
14 Little fireproof dish (7)
15 Sunderland river (4)
17 Clean keel (6)
18 Workplace (6)
20 Youngster on rolling platform (12)

DOWN

1 Scolding (6,2,4)
2 Small island or peninsula (4)
3 Launch track for ship (7)
4 Grab without justification (8)
6 The world as illusion (Hindu) (4)
7 Unofficially (3,3,6)
11 Effects (8)
13 Be in reserve (5,2)
16 List of duties (4)
19 Lose colour (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 34

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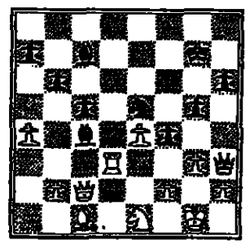
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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SUPERNACULUM
a. A temple of Zeus
b. A super drink
c. Penultimate upper vertebra

SWAD
a. A soldier
b. S W Australian dingo
c. A medicated dressing

CABALLINE
a. Keen on cabals
b. Slanderous
c. Horsey

COMMENSAL
a. Eating with
b. In the same month
c. Simultaneous

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